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*My Education Philosophy*

One of my ultimate objectives in teaching is to facilitate learning by helping students to gain the necessary skills to take control of and become active participants in their own learning and active learning. I truly believe that knowledge gained through active participation is knowledge that will stay with an individual.

I believe that all children have the ability to learn if given the opportunity to receive a quality education. Every child is unique and with guidance and support they can use their special gift to make a difference in themselves and our world. Children need the following basic needs from their teacher and school community which are the following: support, safe and positive school and classroom environment, understanding of their particular needs, security and a variety of opportunities to learn by incorporating the multiple intelligences and learning styles of each and every student.

The overall goal is to create a classroom community of leaders. As a teacher it is important that I communicate to not only my students but also the parents the importance of an education. It is my desire to make sure that my classroom is conducive to establishing high standards and goals for all children that enter my classroom by incorporating hands-on and minds-on activities that activate my student's prior knowledge and engage them in their learning.

My role as a teacher is to ensure that all my students are receiving grade level standards, through modeling, guided practice, and independent practice. I must be available to all my students to provide them with the necessary support needed to improve their growth in all aspects of education. Providing students' access to hands-on activities, active learning and

allowing adequate time and space to use materials that reinforce the lesson being studied creates an opportunity for individual discovery and construction of knowledge to occur.

My goal is to create learners who have self-efficacy and self-esteem, which in turn will create lifelong learners. I believe that it is important that children learn in a child-centered environment versus direct instruction. Child-centered instruction allows the child to discover new information and use the information gained and apply it to other aspects of their learning process. It is important to encourage and involve the students in their own learning through cooperative learning and independent learning opportunities that are fun and exciting. My ultimate goal for my students is for them to receive the importance of education and to become lifelong learners who thrive on always wanting to learn more and more.