

## My Teaching Philosophy

As an educator, I will push myself to improve every day and allow myself the opportunity to grow. My goals are for not only my students to learn something new every day, but also for myself to learn something new every day. I will create an engaging and welcoming environment for student learning by showing the students that I care about them and their interests. My focus will always be on the students and what I need to do for them to succeed and grow. In my teaching, I want students to not only learn the content, but also learn and develop life skills. In order to do this, I will relate content to real life situations.

My teaching will be based upon the concepts of love and logic. I will implement empathy and communication to prove to students that I care about them and value them as my students and as people. A strategy that I will use in my classroom is giving students choices. If a student is having a difficult time, I will give them options of how they can solve the problem. This creates student responsibility and requires them to be responsible for their actions and learning. Another strategy is changing my words or responses to give a more positive atmosphere. For example, rather than saying "sit down and be quiet", I will say "I will wait until everyone is seated and the room is quiet." These simple changes can make a huge impact. One of the biggest and most important aspects of my teaching and my classroom will be respect. I will respect all of my students and I expect that respect back. Students will be respectful of each other and be there to support one another. Everyone deserves respect and everyone deserves to feel comfortable and welcome in my classroom. Every student will know that they are important, that they are part of our community/classroom, and that they are needed for the class to run smoothly.

In my classroom, I will implement hands-on learning activities and create opportunity for all different learning styles. It is imperative that students have the resources they need to do their

best thinking and learning. I want to enhance problem-solving and critical thinking by tapping into students' higher-order thinking through questioning and assessments.

I will always do my best to help my students reach their full potential while challenging them at the same time. I will take time to reflect on my teaching at the end of each day so I can improve for next time and be more effective in my teaching. In summary, I will base my classroom and teaching on love and logic by using empathy, showing the students how much they matter, and creating that warm, welcoming, comfortable environment for students to learn and succeed.