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Teaching Philosophy

Everything a person does in life should be done with purpose. Some people take a lifetime searching for their purpose but I have found mine. My purpose in life is to inspire children and to be a factor of change in their life. I intend to do this by forming personal relationships and promote socialization.

I intend to inspire a child to be extraordinary by making them feel as though they can come to me in any situation for help or words of encouragement. I will make it clear to my students that I am more than willing to speak to an individual during any breaks or before or after class. I will also make all parents feel comfortable coming to me with any concerns they may have about their child by writing weekly reports to be sent home discussing progress the student has made and leaving my contact information open for all parents to use at any time. During class, I will observe each students behavior and be aware of changes in mood to ensure all is well with each student so they are able to learn to the best of their ability. I want to make each student feel comfortable in the classroom by providing any accommodations to enhance learning to ensure each child is given the same learning opportunities. A big goal I have is to carry out fairness in the classroom. I believe that equality is giving each student the exact same thing and fairness is giving each student the exact same opportunity. This means I may need to give more attention to others in order to get each student the same learning opportunities because some students have more obstacles to overcome than others. I want to give the students with more challenges in life the confidence they need to accomplish anything they put their mind to. I want to be the person in each student's life that gives him or her the tools they need to

be a confident and successful individual. This includes social and collaboration skills to ensure they are well rounded and personable.

I believe the smartest individual in the world is nothing without compassion and understanding. I hope to pass my values of thriving off of personal relationships and being caring on to each student I work with. I will do this by praising not just good academic behavior but also social behavior. I will promote daily group work and ensure each child practices important social skills such as sharing and taking turns. I will allow for group discussion on each topic covered so students understand how to appropriately discuss opinions and generalize topics. I believe knowing how to communicate with others is a crucial skill that should have as much emphasis on it as educational achievement.

Being an influential figure in a student's life means you have the power to shape what they will grow to be. That is why I intend to do so in a positive and inspirational way. I will strive everyday to brighten each student's day and to make the time spent in my class enjoyable. Everything I do will be done with the mindset to change an individual's life and teaching gives me that opportunity.