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The role of an educator involves much more than educating children; it entails helping each child grow as a whole person, discovering who they are and how much potential they truly have. When I am a teacher, I will ensure these understandings are met through my teaching philosophies, which consist of the inclusion, perseverance, and equal opportunity of each child in my classroom, as well as the learning of important skills used in everyday life, including social skills and teamwork. In addition, I will strive to help my students continue to grow and discover who they are as a person, aiming to be the best version of themselves every day.

One teaching philosophy I hold high value in is inclusion. As a teacher, I believe every student needs to understand the lesson being taught. To ensure this philosophy is a part of my classroom, I will discover the different ways my students successfully learn. By doing this, I can create enjoyable, productive, and challenging activities my students can learn from. I will not move on to the next lesson until this goal is met, in which every student is confident about their knowledge involving the current material.

In addition to inclusion, perseverance is a second teaching philosophy of importance to me. This philosophy will apply to both me as the teacher and my students. Every teacher is likely to reach a point in one's career in which it is difficult to either prepare a lesson or successfully teach the lesson. Should this happen to me as a teacher, I will not give up. I will keep working until I find the solution to properly teach my students. Similarly, I will not allow my students to quit when a lesson is difficult to understand. Together, we will work to persevere through our difficulties, and as a classroom we will continue to persevere until every student understands the lesson.

A third important teaching philosophy is for each student to have an equal opportunity in my classroom. By promoting equal opportunity, every student will feel a part of the class. To succeed this philosophy, I will create an environment in the classroom where no student is favored or feels unwelcome. Students will also have an equal chance to participate in learning activities. In addition to this, each child will be given the same opportunity to receive help from the teacher, although I recognize every student understands material at a different pace, so each student will be ensured the amount of time needed for this to be achieved, as I believe every student deserves the equal chance to learn.

While receiving equal opportunity, students will develop important skills during classroom time which are needed in everyday life. Of these includes teamwork, which will be utilized when working on group projects and discussions. By having this opportunity to work together, students receive a different outlook on comprehending the material and the opportunity to learn through their peers. My students will practice under different circumstances, from working in small groups to working together as one large group. By doing this, the children receive the opportunity to collaborate with classmates and improve social skills, giving them the opportunity to not only learn the new information presented, but also to improve important skills needed in the future.

Finally, I will work endlessly to help my students see their potential and be the best version of themselves, which will utilize my previous philosophy of perseverance. As a teacher, it is important to focus on teaching the total person. I understand that my students will have bad days, and I am okay with that and accept that. Despite this, I will still push each individual to persevere and to give 100% of their best possible self that day. I will show my students I believe

in them even when they have doubts. I want my students to continue to grow, not take steps backward, and by encouraging them through their struggles every day, they will achieve this.

In my classroom, every child will be included, ensuring all students understand the material before moving on to the next lesson. When this goal is difficult to reach, we will persevere to accomplish this, not giving up until the goal is achieved. Every student will also have an equal opportunity in my classroom, creating a sense of unity as a class. In addition to this, students will learn to work together through teamwork, creating a positive learning environment while promoting social skills and learning together. Every day, my students will be challenged to give 100% of whatever they have, which will help each child grow to reach their potential and become the best version of themselves.