My favorite teacher in my life

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From the baby to adult, each person is exposed very different environment. The environment could be parents, level of wealth, family, and teacher. Everything that I mention is important In Korea, there is an old saying that “teacher is the second parents” which means teacher plays a very important role like parents and as the importance of education is getting bigger, in some point, teachers are more important than parents. Especially from kindergarten to university, students spend much time with their teachers, so the character of teacher, how they teach and the philosophy of teacher’s teaching is very important. Now I am going to tell some of my favorite teachers and how they influenced my life.

Being understandable is my first goal as a teacher. My first favorite teacher is Susan. And she was very understandable. When I was in U.S, I was attending the ESL course from Velmont University in Tennessee. There was a teacher called Susan who was my homeroom teacher. She used to live in Japan for three years as an English teacher. She knew how the foreign students feel about learning second language. She knew that the first thing to learn is speaking, not grammar. She was not so strict but had a good skill of treating student. She always started class as a famous easy English song which helped our listening skills. She let us read from easy English book and asked us to write essays about how we felt. Whenever we hand in essays, she also gave us very detailed feedback on essays which helped students’ grammar and composition skills. She gave us different level of homework according to students’ level of English.

Being skillful is my second goal as a teacher. I had a teacher called Kim in my high school. My school name was Soongduk Woman’s High school. He was a math teacher. Math was my least favorite subject, so whenever there was a math class, I was not so happy about it. Kim knew that most of students don’t like to study math. Every day He prepared some kind of game which tells about each day’s math concept to make students feel comfortable. He also prepared small quiz about the content of past class and gave small gift for student who had right answer. What he did is not too difficult thing to do, but was very effective. I also felt very friendly to math and was waiting to have math class with teacher Kim.

Managing the class effectively is my last goal as a teacher. I would like to say managing the class means making students follow teacher. I have a very good example of teacher who managed class very effectively. Her name was Lee who was my homeroom teacher in 1999. I was a captain of a class and I had to manage the class like a teacher. I had hard time to manage the class and ask her help. She told me that managing the class doesn’t ask you special skill. What you need to do is take much time for communication and trying to hear what the students want.

To conclude, these three teachers that I mentioned influenced me a lot in my life. They also became a role model for me as a teacher. I want to remind Korean old saying “Teacher is second parents.”