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TESOL for Children

**Essay 1**

Why do I want to teach children? This is a first question that I should ask on myself. I like teaching children because they are really fun to teach and it is very worthwhile that children is learning a new thing every day. Children are different from adults. They have many imaginations and questions on each thing they see, hear, feel and are curious on various categories. In other words, children are eager to ask questions on things they want to know to the teacher. Children have pure mind which is like an empty white sketchbook where they want to filled up with new ideas and learning knowledge. Therefore, I want to be their magician to answer all of their questions. Of course, it is not easy to teach children because in order to teach them, we also need to be very patient but also passion to teach them with a very specific explanation and always a deep understanding. However, children are very active to learn new thing and I love watching them that each children finds their interest on whatever they like the most. I feel very proud that children would fill their brain with plenty of new knowledge.

From this course, I want to learn about various techniques how should I teach children. What do children like to do and do not like to do. Also, the relationship between children and teacher is very important in order to teach children. I hope the method that I am learning in this class will be useful for the future in my teaching.

In my experience, while I am attending to the elementary school in Korea, I did not like going to the school because it was just not fun. In my memory, among children we had to compete to each other on everything such as on the exam, sport, drawing…etc. Also, almost every children were attended to the academy after the school. We were busy to have after studying instead of playing with friends. Friends were just competitors to me. On the other hand, I have spent my half year of elementary school life in Switzerland. There, I was a foreign student who could not speak any word of French. Therefore, learning a complete different language from my mother language was a huge challenge for me. In the class, everything was very new to me. However, how the teacher taught us was very interesting that I could feel interest on learning. I learned that learning is fun thing to do. The class was not based on the lecture but based on children’s activities. I learned a lot through playing with my friends and having conversation with them. Also, for instance, in my geography class, it was easier for me to learn by drawing the map of Switzerland. Teacher knew how to teach each subject with different skills from children’s perspectives.

According to my experience, I want to teach children based on fun activities where students should participate for the most of part in the class. Their voice should be heard and their participation should be the number one. Studying through the lecture is just a minimum way to teach and children participating in the activities and sharing their opinions should be the center of teaching. Also, children should be aware of learning new thing is like discovering a new world with curiosity.

Teaching those skills will differ from other teachers. Therefore, teacher should have a certain method of teaching children which will be influenced on them.