Title : Until I become ‘Myung’, existing now.

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When I was 6th grade in elementary school, I wasn’t a good student. I wasn’t interested in learning things and also because of my selfish personality I didn’t have many friends. I was self-centered. As time goes by I had a hard time being sociable due to lack of confidence. Having no friends made me gloomy and I wasn’t able to concentrate on my studies. At that time I was just a little girl. I was neither autonomous nor self-directed. I really needed help from somebody.

The person who gave me a big hand was my homeroom teacher. He was young and modern teacher so his way of treating students and teaching was also modern. He had close relationships with students and he was more interactive teacher than a strict teacher. He found out that I had difficulty in making friends and wanted to solve this situation with me. I told him everything that I feel and think. He knew how to have effective communication and his understandings made me comfortable. From then a lot of things started to change. He tried to have communications with other students and helped me to be able to hang out with them. He told me that I should know how to treat others if I want to be treated. That is my view of life until now. As I started to have friends, I got my confidence back and became an extrovert student. I began my studies since then. Even in class times, his way of teaching was much more STT : Student talk time than TTT : Teacher talk time. He gave us opportunities to join in classes and learn by ourselves. And also he knew how to catch students’ abilities. I was good at English and he knew it. He told my parents about it and persuaded them to send me to English academy for my development. That was the first time I made my mind to major in English and study hard for it. He gave me a big dream. He is not only warm hearted but also respectful.

As I think of him, this quotation comes up in my mind. “Education is the movement from darkness to light-Allan Bloom.” From the teaching of him I found a light in my life, especially in my childhood. Because of his teachings now I have life experience and knowledge at the same time. Teaching should be done not only by knowledge(head) but also with one’s whole heart. Then students learn how to behave, live, and develop. I really thank my homeroom teacher. If he wasn’t there I might not be a good person as now. Education has a great power. If used in wrong way, it might give bad effect to young souls. It is true that education is the first step of living. That means education equals living. I hope all the teachers around the world can give hope, dreams, and wisdom to their children. And also I want to share my talent of English ability and teaching skills learned in TESOL class to help young kids who are going through similar problems in schools and society.