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These days, the birth rate is getting lower in Korea. Also in Japan, people don’t get married and this phenomenon will last for at least 10 years. It means there would be fewer babies in years and total number of people in the nation would be much less than now. That nation could not exist if there are no people.

The young generation is important to maintain and give the nation improvements. They are a hope for the nation. So adults have rights and responsibility to take care of and educate them.

1. Why do you want to teach children?

I want to teach children because I want to see them grow both physically and mentally. In Korea, parents pour everything on their kids. It’s a part of their role as the parents, but lots of kids become selfish because of not knowing how to treat others. Education is based on understanding world and people. I want to help them to know how the world is big and how different people live together.

1. Why do you like teaching children?

I like teaching children because they are young, energetic and have plenty of opportunity to find out for themselves. So I can do various attempts with them not like teaching teenagers, focusing just on preparing for lots of exams. Children are interesting because they are fun and every child is different, so they challenge me to try new ways of teaching.

1. What do you hope to gain from this course?

I hope to gain not only theoretical knowledge but also experimental lessons that I could apply in my real life. I want to improve the sense in unexpected situations in class. So I would like to do many activities and lessons with my colleges and see how we could adapt on a real lesson, in more practical way.

1. What is your opinion about the current English educational system in Korea?

I worked for an English kindergarten and elementary academy. Children were cute and fine to deal with, but the problematic matter was the parents. I think their expectation about children on education performances is too high in Korea. Mostly, white collar jobs are treated well and others seem like 3D jobs in Korea. Therefore, many parents want their children achieve a success in education and pour their efforts on that. Studying English is for the entrance exam of the university, studying abroad or for getting a job. Schools and many academies focus on exams, not for fun in learning English. Children are so busy studying that they are tired all the time. And for the working mothers, they don’t have time to take care of their children. So sending children to too many academies is the way to keep them safe and not left alone. On the contrary, mothers who don’t work but stay home are worried that their children don’t compare to other children who go to many academies and learn more. Parents are anxious and children are tired and insecure in this competitive nation. They don’t have an imagination and are trapped in the frame that society made.

1. How will you make a difference as a teacher?

As a teacher, even though I couldn’t make a difference in the current system, I have an opportunity to make a difference in my classroom at least. In the working place, I had to follow the curriculum of the academy and use the books that they made me to use. That’s what most academies do, and now I want to meet people who teach children in a free, fun and revolutionary way and have an authority over parents. What it means is to make parents have more patience for their children in the process of growing. I can’t make a difference on my own. I need colleagues who have a same vision about education and also have to persuade the parents to understand this way of teaching. I met many parents who respect the teachers and then their children do also. And I should make my class fun, creative and give children lots of chances to express themselves.

We learn language for communication. Finding out many ways of effective communication and express oneself would be the process of finding oneself and living a better life. Children need help with that and they have to grow as a healthy future. As a teacher, I hope that I could be their good helper.