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At the Moment Beginning To Learn How to Teach Children

There are many jobs in the world such as a doctor, a realtor, a singer, and so forth. People try to get a job following their dream. When I was young, I always wanted to be a teacher. There are several reasons why I wanted to be a teacher, especially for children. First of all, children have so much positive energy. Adults keep their bad feelings over a night but children easily forget and get happy quickly so their happiness and energy are not just for themselves but also affects others. I love to see kids’ smiles. Those make the world happier. Secondly, children have a lot of potential. Even while the teacher is teaching the potential could be exploded. The potential is so exciting. I would like to encourage children to realize their full potential. Moreover, what children learn through their childhood could be fundamental knowledge for their whole life. When I teach them, I could help them to get valuable knowledge. It would be so meaningful for me and I believe I have the passion to make a difference and influence children and guide them as they grow up. Children also reflect what they see and hear. They could show what the teacher thinks. While I see the student, I also learn what I need to do and more so what I should not do. I teach and I learn at same time.

From taking this children’s TESOL course, I hope to develop the teaching skills for children. I have some ideas to manage the class but I think I need more of them in a professional way. I want to learn what kinds of teaching styles are there and which one is suitable for me. Also, I would like to know what other roles teachers could have in the classroom not just what I already know. Furthermore, I wish to have an appropriate attitude as a teacher for children based on the specialized knowledge about how children should be treated.

The Korean educational system has provided English education for a long time. It was believed that it should be grammatical-based education. As soon as the students were picking up English vocabulary, they got to learn grammar automatically. They often just tried to remember whole sentences and paragraphs even they did not really understand it. Sometimes, the English teachers did not know proper pronunciation. The education had been so focused on reading and writing. The English educational system was not quite effective and useful. Since Korean economy has developed rapidly, many sectors of the population have had to learn practical English. People realize that the English educational system should be supplemented. Therefore the system has changed. Korean parents want their children to have a high quality education from their early childhood. Not just private English institutes but also public elementary schools have started to hire native speakers as teachers for English subject. It is effective to learn correct English. Also the Korean government decided to hire professional instructors who have a certain diploma or certificates about teaching English. I think this policy would make the quality of English education in Korea better. However, there should be more practical speaking teaching system to complement it. This already has been started for childhood educational system. Middle and high school students also need to practice more on speaking. I hope there will be several policies for them also. The English educational system should not be set up for short term or quick result. It takes a long time to learn another language. If someone wants to speak another language fluently, that person needs to spend tons of time to study and learn. English or the same thing happens. Therefore, the English educational system should be set up with a long term view. It should not be changed so often but should be flexible.

As a teacher it is actually easier to prepare for the class if I use textbooks and follow just the books. However, the method that just following the textbooks makes students get bored easily. When the students lose their focus, they hardly could learn the language. The teacher should use methods that can make students to be involved more. Instead of using textbooks only, teachers could prepare activities, games, debates, or discussion. The more the students do by themselves in the class the more they could learn. I also would like to give more encouragement to students so they can feel comfortable in the class. In a safe and comfortable environment, students can feel free to talk. They will catch the language skills very naturally in that circumstance.

I have teachers who had been so good to me. They were amazing teachers. They were so dedicated and inspiring. I wanted to be the same for my students.