**What is becoming a teacher?**

These days I saw a lot of Korean students around me learning English when I was in America. They always asked me how fluent they could speak English and complained that it was very hard to learn this language. It was very often for some students to give up learning this language. Therefore, I start to wonder what type of teachers I will become if I teach English in the classroom. I think that we need to consider two main things from my past experience.

Firstly, It is very essential to learn language, especially English with balance in four skills, that is, reading, listening, speaking, and listening. Let’s take an example. My family and I immigrated to Brazil when I was 17 years and then we moved to America after 4 years. I learned English in the daily life in the totally different way from the Koreans do. I improved my English skills by mainly speaking to my friends and teachers at school. Also, I needed to speak English to help my parent’s business, which was very helpful to increase vocabulary. Thanks to my experience in America, I could speak and listen to English very fluently, but when I tried to hand in the assignments, requiring writing, I lost my confidence. This is because I did not have any chances to learn how to write at school. This pressure led to losing interest in learning English. One thing I do not like about me is when I speak English, something is pulling me back. This is writing including grammar.

Secondly, when we acquire the second language, we need to listen to the language a lot at first and then we can create our own words spontaneously. I have been a teacher over 27 years in the name of mother. When I raised my son, I still remembered when he learned how to speak and listen. After he spent a lot of time listening to me, one day he suddenly spoke some words. It was amazing!! I think learning the second language is quite similar to learning the mother tongue.

Now I am trying to become a teacher for young children. What kind of a teacher I want to be? I would like to teach young children how important four basic language skills, speaking, writing, reading and listening. Even I don’t have strong four basics. This is the very beginning of becoming a qualified teacher. When I finish Tesol course, I wish I would become the world class teacher with a lot of great ideas!!!!!