Module 1 Essay

My Learning Experience

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" Everything contains lessons. - L. Carroll"

I'm going to talk about my learning experience. I've met a lot of teachers over 20 years and some of them were very nice but others were not. Among them I will introduce two teachers, one is the best teacher I've ever had and the other is the worst teacher.

When I was first grade of Ok- san middle school, I didn't know how to read and write English. So I received zero points from the first dictation. At that time I was too embarrassed and nervous because my English teacher looked very strict. If she got me punishment or scolded me, I would cry. But she called me after that class and gave me some extra homework to study alphabet more. She personally taught me alphabet and how to read basic words after the class for a week. After that I could read and write well. She was always asked questions about what we're going to learn that day and asked about our opinion in class. She didn't tell us the answer first and incentives to the answer can we wait. So I think she was an involver or enabler.

The most memorable thing is that she was strict during class but after class she sometimes invited us (me & some of my classmates) to her home and made us delicious tteokbokki. She talked just like a friend or an aunt while we eat together. In her case I learned that the most important thing to be a teacher is love.

Actually I have teaching experience for 5 years in academy. I taught elementary students to middle school students. I'm on maternity leave now and I'll go back to work in March. I want to be more friendly teacher like her.

Mr. Lee was my English teacher in my fresh year of high school. He sometimes didn't know the answer despite an English teacher and angry whenever that happened to us. He refused to listen to our opinion at all. I doubt that how he became an English teacher. In addition to he didn't show us respect, didn't give clear, positive feedback and he even didn't know the subject well. I really liked studying English before I met him. Because of him I gave up studying English in high school. I think he was not an explainer, involver and enabler. He was just a sayer. Through his mistake I vowed it would not be such a teacher.

I know that I influenced a lot from teachers who taught me by now, but I don't want to imitate them. Based on my previous learning experience, I will teach with my own passion.

Among three categories of teaching style, I want to be an enabler. I know it really hard to be an enabler but I will keep trying my best to make my class more active and I want to help my students be autonomous learners.