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My best teacher

My best teacher was Alexandra who taught me when I was in college in Canada. She was a professor in the morning class who taught full course for early childhood education. I graduated in August, so it was two months ago when I last saw her. She liked to say her experiences, such as her children and her story when she was at work. She wanted to talk with students what they’re thinking, what they got experiences when they were working, so we often had conversation in class. Even after we finished the courses so we did a practicum, she wanted to know about what we had experiences when we met at school. And she made us to share our experiences from each other students. This conversation is an example of her being an enabler.

She was an enabler because she encouraged us to think creatively. She always asked us “Why?” and “How?” so we tried to think and had to answer. Whenever we planned our lesson plan for assignment, we always had to think about whether or not the activity could be creative for children. If the student’s activities were not creative or could not answer questions, teacher told the students what they’re missing and gave them time to prepare for the activity again. She was well organised because she explained the important points during the exam period. She organised what we needed to know, so I think we did better on the test than we expected.

She had a modern teaching style. She was student-centered and wanted to hear student’s opinions. She always gave opportunities for everyone. She loved us to discuss, discover, and present the contents of the book to the students. Students presented to each other and gave feedback on what was good or bad. Sometimes after reading the book, we went to the front of the students to present, did role-play, and draw about what we understood. So I was easier to understand and the students came to participate in the class. She also liked the video so we could understand it, and talked to students about what they felt. We spent a lot of time talking and understanding during the class.

She was a teacher who could effectively manage her students. She even talked with the students by making time during break time. She was passionate and patient. She really listened to the students what they think and gave clear feedback for them if they needed. She was concerned about the students who had difficulties of following the class, often late, absent, failed the exam or did not submit assignments within the due date, etc. One day, I talked with my teacher about my assignment. She recommended to go to the library and read as many books as I can about my assignment rather than a lot of feedback. My bag was heavy because of books, but it helped me a lot.

I’d like to teach as my best teacher did. She was enabler, and had modern teaching style, and had effective teaching style. Even she had high standards so sometimes the students hard to follow her, she always made us to learn and figure out about new things. She encouraged the students to continue developing when she discovered student's talent. If some students suffered from something, she gave the students time to practice more. She was always confident and loved her job. So I also wanted to be a great teacher like her and be proud of my job. She had a good influence on me because she was a student-centered teacher so I could decide to become a student-centered teacher. I was so hard to make a presentation in English in front of other people. She helped me gain confidence so I could overcome my fear of presenting. I want to be a teacher who learns many things and teaches create things rather than traditional method. And I'll try to think how to teach effectively for the students.