

I believe that every child can learn and has the right to a solid education. I believe students learn best when they are a part of the educational process and feel safe while learning. They should have enjoyment and power, to some extent, in their educational experience. Giving children some control of their learning makes the process more personable and meaningful. Children should be encouraged to voice their opinions in a democratic and respectful manner. However, they should be taught to uphold their teachers, and other adults, with the utmost respect.

A good learning environment should be friendly, discussion oriented, and have discipline. Children need to be challenged to grow and prosper. I can meet this need by using real-life experiences, cooperative groups, best practices, and interactive opportunities in my classroom.

I feel teachers should be knowledgeable, flexible, and compassionate. Teachers must be able to adapt to the everyday changes in life to create a smooth transition for their students. Knowledge is necessary for any teacher to ensure a quality education for all children. A teacher's compassion can only improve their teaching. Caring for students and their education is an essential ingredient for any effective teacher.