

My education has always played an important role in my life. From the time I started school when I was three, I realized that I enjoyed going to school. I never once had a teacher that did not show compassion and concern when it came to my education. I always tried my best to show all my teachers that I had potential and what I was capable of.

After doing the teaching philosophy evaluation in our textbook, I found out that I identify with the teaching philosophy romanticism. Romanticism is based on the writings from the philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau. I believe that school should always be a second home before anything.

When I think about the teacher I want to be, the first thing that comes to mind is providing an environment that my students feel welcome in. You never know what a child's home life is like so when I become a teacher I want my students to feel safe and comfortable in my classroom. When thinking about what role schools play in a society that is a main priority to me. I believe the purpose of education is to teach students how to interpret all aspects of life in their own ways. I believe learning curriculum is important but I believe education goes much farther than curriculum. To me education means much more. It means making sure that all students are prepared for the world and can become the leaders that we need them to be so that they can not only be successful but good citizens. I honestly don't think there is any way to 100% assure that schools serve all students well. We can only try our best to place teachers and administration in these schools that are not only qualified but are genuinely concerned about the well being of students. I also think in order to assure that schools serve students well we need to make sure our schools are as diverse as possible.

I view students as our future, listeners, learners, and a vital part of this world. The students' role in their education is to take as many opportunities as they can and use them to their advantage. I wish I would have taken more of the opportunities I was given as a student in K-12. I think it's important that students take full responsibility and are in charge of their own education. I think we assure this by making sure students fully understand the importance of education and how it affects their lives and futures.

The role of the teacher should be nurturing, understanding, responsible, and professional. These are consistent with the beliefs of romanticism because they show that the teacher should play a more involved role. One of the primary responsibilities of the teacher in a society that values diversity is to make sure the students understand diversity. It's important that all students know that they are different and come from different backgrounds. I think the teacher should help the students embrace all of their different cultures and backgrounds.

As a teacher I plan to “visit” a new place in the world every week. The idea behind this is to teach my students about new places in the world and their cultures. I also would like to throw in daily fun facts or activities to always keep their minds actively thinking.

To keep families in their students' education I plan on having a family game night or trivia bowl every month. It may sound like I'm jumping in quickly but my goal is to first allow my parents the time to get to know me and know each child's individual goals. I think that it's important that families know that I am just as invested in their child's personal lives as I am their education.

In this paper I have highlighted some of the key points that I plan to enforce when I become a teacher. When talking about the beliefs of romanticism I know that this philosophy is

specifically something that I am passionate about. When I have a classroom all I want to do is make sure that my students leave my classroom knowing more than they came in with and feeling more confident in themselves than ever.