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Philosophy of Education:

I have always believed that all students can learn no matter the situation around them every day. As a teacher, I strive to use my calling to teach future leaders what they need to know to succeed in their daily lives. I seem to have always been in a classroom as a helper or even the time I spent as a paraprofessional for a Communication Development classroom. Through my experiences, I have found my calling and way in the world which is through teaching.

I have learned from past experiences that students in the classroom love to celebrate any accomplishment that they have made no matter if it is in the classroom or not. Students share their joy with teachers and I want my students to share anything that makes them happy with me so I too can be happy for them. This also allows me as a teacher to build relationships with all my students in my classroom. Good relationships lead to better classroom management, I have learned this throughout my time working in schools. I have experienced teachers wanting to know about my accomplishments and share in the joy when I was in elementary school. I want to be that teacher to my students. I have read recently that teachers who build strong relationships with students not only have them for a year but the students will always view that teacher as their teacher forever.

During my student teaching, I always encouraged my students to use their talents with drawing pictures or writing. I ended up with a whole bunch of pictures that the students have drawn for me not just from student teaching but also from the paraprofessional work I did before. I believe that ever since COVID-19 many students have a shorter attention span so drawing or even hands-on lessons are the best types of lessons for these students in elementary school. I have always planned to have a hands-on aspect because that is the way that I learn best for myself. Knowing how I learn best helps me teach the students who are in the same learning style as I am.

The more that I work with students the more that I see that this is really my calling in life is to be an elementary school teacher. I am aware from all my experiences that sometimes things do not go the way that you want them to go. Sometimes I will have to change things up or move lessons a day after just to make sure that my students understand a new concept that was taught.