My Philosophy  
Intro to Learners with Mild Disabilities  
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“We didn’t go into teaching to get rich, but to enrich others,” Robert John Meehan. This quote is very inspirational and true. Teachers are not the richest people in respects of money, but they are the “richest” by the internal gifts they receive on the job. Learning is a gift to share with the world and who is better to help those learning than teachers.

I get to have the responsibility that not many people can say they have, which is the responsibility for student learning and growth. As a Special Education teacher, I need to be able to get down to a student’s learning level and help them process the information with what they know and by the way they learn. Anyone can learn and if my students need a little extra boost so they can conquer those goals, I am going to be right there to help in anyway I can.

In order to be a good teacher, I need to understand the content with an open mind. I’ll maintain an orderly, learning focused classroom so my students won’t have a harder time grasping the material than they may already have. I’ll set up a plan for what I know and what I’m supposed to teach based on government regulations. I will also create lesson plans that are fun, educational and easy for my students to learn without even knowing it.

I want the learning environment in my classroom to be relaxing and comfortable for my students. I could have lamps placed around my room and not just have one big, bright light. This way it makes the room feel less pressuring to my students. I don’t just want the physical environment to be relaxing but I mean the atmosphere itself. It’s important they can feel that they can be themselves, no matter their disability or struggle and that they feel they can ask questions! I want to have getting acquainted activities throughout the year that brings the class closer together, almost like a family to gain trust and responsibility in the classroom.

Putting forth hard work and doing what is best for my students is necessary to being successful. A goal of mine is to reassure my students that I am there to help them through their struggles every step of the way. It’s important to live everyday to the fullest and make sure my students have a good, memorable elementary school experience. I am more than ready to make a positive impression on my students that can last a lifetime!

The struggles and hardships of my future profession of becoming a special education teacher can be very tough. However, the impact that can be made on the lives of students during this career is so much greater than the struggles. The relationships that can be and are made along with the lessons learned can make all the difference in the world of teaching.