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TESOL for Children

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First Essay

I try not to regret anything in my life but if there's one thing that I regret from college is that I gave up studying TESOL because of my lack confidence. However, I knew I will work with children. Now I graduated from college and wanted to try again for TESOL is necessary for my future career. I wanted to learn how to teach English and also how to teach children.

There are two reasons why I want to teach children. Firstly, I always wanted to work with Children. I love them and I enjoy to being with them. From my past experience, I am aware that working with children is not easy. However they always give me energy and smile. Secondly, I believe teaching is giving instruction and knowledge to make person into the good person. I remember someone told me that teacher affects eternity. I want to be the one who can influence children want to learn more and inspire them to become better people.

I have taught English to children. I was excited but frustrated because I did not know what to teach or how to teach for an hour. It was too long for me. I somehow did well in most of my classes but they were playing games most of the time. It is important for children to enjoy learning. However, I knew I was not ready to teach. They did not learn much from me. This is the reason I am taking this course. I hope to gain knowledge about children whom I will be teaching, how to teach and also how to become a good teacher. I want my students to enjoy to being in my class, have fun and learn from me.

I believe current education system in Korea is not good for children. Most parents love their children and they want their children to be the best. From the early age, they study like a robot because they have to be the best. They cannot think of doing anything except studying hard and go to good college. This kind of education system is stressful to children at any age. They should know how to enjoy learning. They will still learn even if we force children to study and memorize thousands of vocabularies. However, I believe this is not the way to teach children. It will be more effective when they can enjoy learning.

As I have mentioned I want to help children to enjoy and love learning. I will try my best to make my class as most comfortable place for children to enjoy learning. However, it is still necessary for me to be a professional teacher. I will also focus on giving love to the children because I believe it is one of the most important qualities. Without loving children, there is no meaning to teaching them. For this reason, I will build my relationship with children more than a teacher.