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Whenever I think about the experiences I had when I was in school, especially when I was very little, I realize how exciting and adventurous it was to be in a position where I can ask and learn all the time. I was like a blank paper. I absorbed so easily what my teachers show and explain without any second thoughts. Now as adults, there are some people prefer to teach adults because they have all the basic knowledge and manners, but I want to teach children because they are ‘not’ prepared with all the basics. I wish to have a strong educational philosophy of my own, and I want that philosophy to lead my little students to have positive and expecting attitude towards their studies. It’s not that I want to fill their brain with my beliefs and goals, but to me it is much more exciting and fun assisting children rather than doing it with adult students.

Through this course, I will learn. I want to gain the knowledge needed to teach, involve, and enable students. I wish my students can say “I learned at least one valuable thing for my life”. Whether it is knowledge or the skills needed to get along with other students or the courage to speak in front of others, it does not matter. I want my students to learn from my teachings, and I will learn how to do that in this course.

As a teacher, everyday will be filled with challenges and every student is a challenge. But every time I face those challenges, I will not forget to remember one thing. It is a strong hope of mine, which I want to make my future students to believe in their heart that I am the one who they can truly rely on. With their studies, personal problems, and wishes I will stay wherever they need me to listen and smile.