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**Finding the Best Way to Connect with the Children as a Teacher**

There are certain qualities that a person preparing to become young children’s teacher needs to be equipped with, such as patience, a sense of humor, empathy, enthusiasm, and so on. With all of these factors, one of the most important questions to be asked is how much the person understands and knows of not only himself but also the children.

When I, a future teacher for the young children, am asked this question along with others related to this matter, I would say I like teaching children because they are more honest, simple, and straightforward than adults and I can learn from them as well as they can learn from me. I believe teaching is a process of building a mutual relationship between the teacher and the students, or among the students themselves. I feel the students can teach me their strong points like being full of energy, maintaining positive and enthusiastic attitude all the time, and thinking creatively and imaginatively as much as I can teach them the necessary knowledge and skills.

In addition, in order to achieve my goal of obtaining a mutual relationship with the students, this TESOL for Children course will undoubtedly fill me in with the ways to effectively approach to the children without frightening or scaring them off. By the end of this course, I would be confidently and proudly armed with my own ways to become close to the children in a horizontal relationship instead of a vertical relationship.

Considering many young students are dried up in the harsh competitive atmosphere of Korean education system, what they need all the more importantly is having fun in learning. They already tend to think of studying as a boring and grim task. Therefore, by helping children get interested in learning and enjoy it wholeheartedly, I hope to make their lives different in a better way as a future teacher.