**Class: TC 76th**

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**Title: Children are the Most Valuable Resource.**

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*―* [*C.S. Lewis*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1069006.C_S_Lewis)

**Receptive, not productive.**

A majority of the current education system in Korea is based on teacher centered learning. This means that students lose chances to participate in class another word teachers only talk. Because of this, teachers also lose chances to communicate and understand their students and furthermore, miss the opportunity to lead them to the right vision. Also, teachers prefer students to follow the standardized rule. I believe teachers shouldn’t remain like a robot, who only gives out the same lectures repeatedly or limit their students learning horizon without concern for their future

**Why children?**

I was only a 7 year old girl, when I first started learning English from a foreign teacher in a foreign country. Mrs. Timmermann, my very first English teacher, was a dedicated and warm-hearted woman. She always encouraged me in class by giving me a chance to take part in all the class activities, even though my level of English wasn’t as good as others. Also, she opened an extra ESL class, sat there for an hour or two only for me and my brother, and helped us. By doing so, I was able to gain lots of confidence and also know how to work well with foreign children easily.

Such a good memory influenced me to become an English teacher. Learning a foreign language isn’t easy for young learners and sometimes it’s stressful. As a teacher, I want to make my English class fun and active so that my students can feel and enjoy learning like I did. Children are like sponges, they observe whatever the teacher does. The earlier they start to learn something, the longer it will remain. I want my students to learn English in the right place at the right time. This is the biggest reason why I want to teach children.

**What makes me different from other teachers?**

TESOL for Children class will enable me to understand and explore more about child’s learning habits, their psychology, and ways to teach children with variety of methods. I’m also looking forward to becoming the best teacher who not only teaches, but is also always thinking and concerned about children’s future. Teacher centered, stressful class, receptive learning system will no longer exist, but student centered, fun and joyful class, productive learning system will remain in my teaching. *“Education without values, as useful as it is, seems rather to make man a more clever devil.” ―* [*C.S. Lewis*](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/1069006.C_S_Lewis)