My Dream

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I have thought about teacher since I was elementary school student. At that time, teacher seemed like a hero who could do everything. So I blindly imitated my teacher, furthermore, I enjoyed a teacher role-playing with my friends and my niece. I really liked to teach something to others. So every summer and winter vacation, I used to stay at my aunt’s house to live with my niece to help her vacation homework during that time and she and I usually made time table what we had to do every day. For example, I taught math and science and we enjoyed making something with clay, painting and cooking. She followed me like her teacher or mommy. I really enjoyed that.

Actually I have experienced to teach kindergarteners English about six months before I married. At that time, I just tried to have a turning point in my life. It was so hard time to me because I didn’t know how to teach English. But I was so happy whenever kindergarteners imitated my dance routines and songs. I can’t forget the face like an angel.

Now I have two kids. My son’s character is so calm and meticulous. On the contrary to this, my daughter is so active, easy-going and outgoing. Through taking care of my two kids, I am so interested in a way of teaching because they are so different from each other. My son really likes listening to music and reading a book. So whenever I taught something to my son, especially English, I had to use songs and pictures to understand. And my daughter really likes feeling something with her fingers and mouth rather than music. So I had to prepare materials- touch pen which could sound the word when it touched the text, hand puppets and DVDs. Actually, I didn’t know that I had to change the method how to teach effectively from kid to kid. At that time, I thought there was the best method to teach something in common. So when I taught my daughter like a way of my son, she seemed so boring. I was so surprised at this moment.

That’s the reason why I want to be an English teacher for children and I take this course. I hope that I can be more competent in my teaching and get a variety of methods that make children feel interesting. So I feel the needs of knowledge about children and teaching skills in detail even though I have two kids. I think that it’s quite different from just bring up children without knowing something special. So through this course, I can be more understanding from the point of view of children.

As my son grows up, I come to be concerned about education, especially English. Every mother around me worried about the English education. Furthermore, in these days, there are many kinds of English kindergartens as a first step of public education even though children are too young to study English rather than their mother tongue. Sometimes I can watch programs related to the overheated ‘English Fever’ in Korea. It makes children and mothers get too much pressure and stress. It brought odd phenomenon in its train, that is, mothers had their kids cut their sublingual muscles to pronounce like native speaker. Of course, the younger people, the more likely easier to take something naturally. But I think what is the most important thing is how to induce children to get interest in English, not the age of starting to study English. Furthermore, in these days, researchers have examined only 7 to 12-year-old students to fill out an autism screening questionnaire. Researchers estimate 1 in 38 children in South Korea have an autism spectrum disorder. It is so surprising, isn’t it? Many students feel overwhelmed by high competition, pressure, and responsibility towards their parents. I think that it can be a cause of current serious issue of getting sick or even commit suicide of students.

If I can be an English teacher, I am a mommy and a teacher. So I can treat children with consideration not just as a student and also be more understanding like a mommy. I think that teaching is being a parent with showing a map and directions on the basis of knowledge and experiences what children have never had before. It is very important to make one’s life. In my case, I think that my teacher made me who I am so I think that teaching is not just conveying knowledge. If I am an English teacher, I will really try to do a customized education suited to each child. This means that I will not divide children’s group just by level test, but consider by similar tendency of learning way. I want to make children have an interest in English so let them enjoy it. I think that it can be more energetic driving force to lead a child to study English and more effective method to teach. I don’t want children to think English as an annoying thing.

Furthermore, I am not likely to incite the strong competition among students. Of course, competition makes students get to have more high score and spend more time to study. But it makes students “studying machine”. Besides that, students are gradually depending their learning on unreasonable way to study by rote. I want to adduce the reason and the purpose why they have to study for their future. I think that having an individual reason to study differs sharply from just following something. It will help their mental health. To sum up, I will try to give some passions and interests about English to students.