Essay Assignment

**Not Teach, Make Students Think**

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***“I cannot teach anybody anything, I can only make them think.” - Socrates***

This quote is short, but it is my teaching philosophy which I will grave in my heart for a long time. When I decided to major Early childhood education, I was fascinated with its methodology. Some educators suppose that children know the principle of the nature themselves, because they learn actively. I completely agree with that, because I also think that children have innate ability. Therefore, I don’t want to teach children anything. I just want to make students think more.

Actually, I didn’t have interesting feeling about English until 10 years old. I just enjoyed some activities like chants and games in English class. Then, one day when I was sixth grader in Mandeok elementary school, I had to participate as a main character in the English short drama in school ceremony. I scared of playing English drama in front of many people. So I said Ms. Kim, English teacher that I couldn’t do it. But, she soothed me to get the courage of new challenge. And she helped me kindly when I couldn’t memorize my line and made a pronunciation mistake. Due to Ms. Kim, I tried to act with confidence and I did well on the ceremony. Although it was very hard challenge to me, I had prided myself and I had interest in English. Before that time, I had a little English education, but I didn’t have interest as much as that time.

When I remind myself, Ms. Kim didn’t intend to teach anything to me. She just helped me. I’m sure that she is an Enabler. She has much knowledge and cares individuals’ problem. Also, she gives high expectation to students and she is warm, accessible and enthusiastic. Furthermore, she always gives feedback and motivation to students.

I know that it’s hard to maintain the aspect of Enabler teacher on the all classes. However, I think it’s possible on Early childhood education. There are no tests and no ranking. So, Different with elementary school, kindergarten teachers can be Enabler teachers easily. However, kindergarten teachers can’t use English on a regular curriculum. I think that English is an important part in modern society, so kindergarten teachers should deal with English as a part of multicultural education. This is the reason I start TESOL for children course.

As a public kindergarten teacher, I want to lead the English education which is applied to a regular kindergarten curriculum. The most important thing would be that the methodology of kindergarten English education should be differently suggested to each student. That’s why teaching for children is caring students’ ability, previous knowledge, interest, and attention-span and facilitating students’ growth. Based on this basic philosophy, I will add more thoughts and practice actually.