Teaching children: Modifying and Comforting

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Esther Park.

I’ve never thought about teaching or doing anything with children before giving birth to my white and clean daughter, Yun Seo Do, at the year of 2008. The thing that I really enjoy these days is playing Lego with my five year old daughter and my three year old nephew, Sung Jun Park. Sometimes I do have a hard time for controlling their behavior because they get into a lot of arguments. I guess it’s hard for them to share and work together in their age. Although guessing it will be an offer of combat, I wish to teach children because of knowing that they will harden and deterge my soul. Children are very genuine they create such a bright, enjoyable atmosphere as if luxuriating in the warm spring sunshine. Preparing to be a teacher and also as a mother of a child, I want to develop the intellectual faculties to be suited for the work. For that I came back to Times Media once again to take the Tesol for children course. Statistically we are going to end up teaching the way we were taught. Hoping to be a great teacher of the children, I was a child of fortune who had opportunity to be educated from a great teacher to follow.

Through years of 1989 to 1995, I’ve stayed in Detroit, Michigan. When I was a sixth grader, I’d met so many good teachers in Smith Middle School at the year of 1994 to 1995. I’ll never forget Mr. Jones, who taught ESL to the foreign students. He was an involver and also an enabler who created student center environment and fun activities that made students work by themselves. He was so famous for giving good lessons and being generous and kind in person, even the natives in our school wanted to attend his class. When I was 13 years old, we had a time to draw our own national flag to introduce our nations in front of the class during his hours. It was a great chance to learn about our classmate’s country, such as Poland, Japan, China, and Iraq, without having headaches. It was very interesting and meaningful to know other’s tradition and their homeland history. I, as a representative of Korea, sang the Korean national anthem holding the national flag I drew, introduced the Korean traditional food Kim Chi to our class. Mr. Jones and the class students were curious about the taste, knowing that it’s a healthy food, so I gave them my mother’s water Kim Chi recipe. Mr. Jones actually made it by himself with a cabbage and a can of sprite and spoke highly of his masterpiece.

‘A good teacher cares more about their student’s learning than they do about their own teaching’. Before attending his ESL class I was a student who didn’t have much confidence or interest in speaking English but he encouraged me to enjoy speaking by making the class atmosphere comfortable and preparing fun, meaningful lessons that helped modification of my learning. For that I’ve improved to speak English fairly well by the end of the semester.

My teaching philosophy is to set an example of a good person and to prepare meaningful, interesting lessons based on my student’s needs. Teacher is a helper for students to improve their weaknesses in the subject by modifying the students to learn with stimulating activities in a comfortable environment. I’ll exert all possible effort for teaching young learners.