Hidden Champion

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Albert Einstein said, "*It is the supreme art of the*teacher*to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.*" I believe that teacher needs to help students to provide and create better environment in which to learn with skills and methods. Teacher is effective and efficient tool and gets the most important job to arouse interest and motivate students of learning. I want to be a hint of help to others to find their dream and vision that will brighten their lives and I think teacher will be a good and reasonable job to do. Also, when I see young learners having studied so hard and moving their steps forward, I feel sense of satisfaction and pride. I also feel honored by teaching and giving hope and dreams to the blossoming children.

Children are like sponge and mirror that they always soak and reflect adults’ conduct. If adults do or speak something, children learn what they have seen and heard then imitate and mimic the adults even not knowing the meaning of their action. Therefore, I have to take care about my attitude, intentions and personality for relationship and I could try keeping myself on the straight and narrow at all times in front of children. They’ve been always great teacher to me. And I love children. I am an only child and youngest one from all the relatives. I was always eager to have siblings but I couldn’t have one. Therefore, it was always happy and joyful for me to get along with any younger ones. Children are always so loving and sweet that they’re delight and I feel happiness when I with them. Thus I like to be with children and enjoying learning from them while I’m sharing my talents to them.

I love children and enjoy hanging out or taking care of youngsters and pretty good at it. However, I am not quite ready to be a teacher and that is the reason I am taking TESOL and TESOL for children courses. I think becoming a good teacher is how the teacher effectively and efficiently guides and leads students to have interest on learning new things and gives confident to students. And I assume that teacher supposed to have certain skills and methods to provide and create better learning circumstances for students, but I don’t know how to do those things yet. For that reason, I would like to learn about those teaching skills and methods throughout these courses. I want to learn proper behavior as a teacher and an informer.

Too much work is required of students in Korea and English is one of them that Korean students have to study excessively. These days many children start studying English ever since their early childhood. Several years ago, I read an article that is about what happened in a subway in Korea; an old lady asked a cute little boy’s age and name and little young boy grumbled to an old lady with his fingers. Soon as this only twenty something months old little boy answered his mother start scolding him because he didn’t answer to an old lady in English. The mother was upset because this boy was attending a kindergarten where teaches English only but he wasn’t speaking only English. I’ve seen many children who go to English speaking kindergarten where way more expensive than universities’ tuition and even waiting for years to be admitted.

I think spending thousands of dollars (millions of Korean won) and excessive level of studying for children are absolutely preposterous. Also, many of private academies teaching how to make higher test scores on the official test such as TOEIC, TOEFL, ACT, SAT, or GRE rather than English itself. As a result, even though Korean students are mastered English grammar and memorized huge amount of vocabularies, they can’t speak English that much compare to the knowledge of English they have. However, with tremendous ability of English, Korean students think they are always not enough and society makes and forces them to feel like students are inadequate. If the student does not wish for learning English and only gets stress, I think it is not a right thing to do. We have to remember that we’re learning things to have more pleasant lives not to be living stressful lives.

I want to be a hard solid stepping stone bridge to my students. To put it concretely, I want to be an involver-type teacher who reflects Carl Roger’s three characteristics of teacher, EAR: empathy, authenticity, and respect. A teacher who has authority that is not about punishment, but care with authentic empathy and respect. Therefore, I will build a stronger relationship with my students and give confidence them to have less fear on the challenges or tasks they will face in the future. Also, I will be a teacher who does not hesitate to learn in students, but influence and impact students with enthusiastic encouragement enriching their lives in good ways.