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To Getting Ready For My Class

I had been in a job in some other field before I actually started teaching children. Now that I am learning more about how to teach children in English I am reminded that my dream was being a teacher during all my childhood. From this TC course, I have come to consider more deeply about being a teacher for children.

Still children are one of the sources of energy for my everyday life. From the course I learned that I could give or encourage their positive energy more. Because they are like sponges and mimic so when I am positive and being energetic they also can be like that. As much as I love to see kids’ smiles, I need to smile more. Secondly, I mentioned children have a lot of potential and I would like to encourage children to realize their full potential. Compared to before, now after learning from the TC course, I know that the potential is often hidden and that I need to give value for every student. Even some students do not seem to follow instructions well or do not listen to the teacher politely at the moments that does not mean the students do not have any potential. I got to believe in the future success for every student. I said that children learn through their childhood it could be fundamental knowledge for their whole life in my previous essay. I learned from the TC class which to teach that knowledge, I have to approach to the children with more effective ways. I need to use easier words not adults’ words. The more active methods work the better for children. Unless I do not show first, they would not understand easily. When I teach them this way, I could help them to get valuable knowledge better.

From taking this Children’s TESOL course, I hoped to develop the teaching skills for children. I have gotten some more ideas to manage the class now. Not just classroom management but also suitable methods to use for each actual English lesson. During the TC class time, differences between adults’ and children’s class had been taught and talked about many times. It brought useful clarity for my teaching for children. I frequently thought that to teach children was easier since adults were more complicated as a matter of fact. However, due to children’s lack of experiences in raising children’s interests and voluntarily it is mostly harder than adults’ for lessons. Visual aids and hand-on projects are needed for lessons usually.

While I and the other students were taking the TC course, we could do many activities and make materials that would be useful for actual classes. We had to prepare ice breakers every week choosing from the game bank supplement. Through that we could have rough ideas about even other ice breakers not just about one’s preparing thing. We also join when another student lead ice breakers then we know the detailed steps of how to do it. This experience will be so useful to make warm and welcoming mood for my actual classes. We made puppet with paper, socks, and clothes and so on. The puppet play seemed so practical. Children love to see puppet and play. The puppet show will help children to concentrate and imagine easily. The way to make stages and puppets was not as difficult as I thought. Compare to lesson plan for adult, the plan for children seemed to focus on acting and movement. In the beginning of the lesson it is important to make non-threatening, comfortable environment, so that children want to take a risk and be involved in the class. For example, instead of asking to children directly, a teacher could share own experience first or show pictures or do puppet play ahead. Moreover, I learned that there can be more unexpected happening in the class for children so the plan should be made more quickly. The plan is needed to be easier to adjust for classes. Less teacher talk and more students’ performance projects are much more practical for lesson plan.

It was not easy but after doing micro teaching, I feel more confident and ready to meet children.

I believe that being a teacher is very challengeable. It should not be done for just earning money. Especially teaching children is not just giving knowledge but is also modeling for life. It is not easy to manage classes for children so taking this course was meaningful to me. The TC course gave me much more practical ideas, skills and basic concepts. I can be a better and more educated teacher by using what I learned from this course. I hope that my class will be enjoyable and memorable. To make that desirable class, I would adjust what I learned from the course. Learning is a process that is never ending in my whole life time. I would be joyfully joined with my students to learn more and grow at the same time as I teach and inspire my students.