**My Dream as a Teacher of English Learners**

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I joined this class because I would like to learn how to teach others who want to study English. That was my main idea at the first. I have not had any experience to teach others. I just wanted to learn the skill for teaching. However on the very first day of California State University at Long beach TESOL Certificate program at Times Media weekday class 145, I was surprised because it is not only the class to teach skills but also teach teacher’s attitude. Through 'A Teacher’s Story' and a lot of valuable information of teaching from Professor Frank, I realized the most important thing of teaching is my attitude to students. After the first day class I have been thinking what kind of teacher I would like to be.

I would like to gain firstly from this class that I will learn the basic theory of English teaching. On our class’ syllabus there are chapters of well-organized teaching theory every class. I would like to understand that as much as I can. Secondly I would like to make me a role model for a good teacher for my students. Through more classes, I will learn what kind of attitude a teacher needs. I will keep thinking about it, and I will make myself to be a teacher who has great impact upon my students.

Now I would like to imagine that I will be having a great impact on students as a teacher in 10 years.

Even though I had not had any experience of teaching something to someone at the first time when I started to teach English 10 years ago. I had an experience in the service field over 10 years. I did not think it was related to teaching English but it was however. It helped me a lot in a class also. Thanks to my experience for that I had a strong ability to catch someone’s mind which needed something from me easily and I needed to care about their needs carefully and quickly. So when I started to teach English in a kindergarten it was easier than I thought. Even though they were young, they had good and bad points. As I learned I respected them and I did not let them do something which I was not willing to do it. I cared about them carefully like one of my adult customers.

After 10 years, I am a favorite English teacher in a kindergarten because I handle the students from the heart like I am used to doing for my children. Sometimes they call me mommy. I love my class’ children. I love this job with them. As I learned in the TESOL class, I have tried not to force them to learn English. And I am doing good job for this part. I have an experience to learn English already and I know it is not easy to learn other languages. I just help them to use English. I make them know speaking English is enjoyable. I let them feel free to speak English even though they make mistakes in sentences. Because I learned that if I can communicate with others in English, then there is no problem. Using English is the key to learn English. I speak English only in a kindergarten. I encourage them to speak English. For example, if one of my students speaks “나도사과좋아해요.”in Korean. I answer “Oh really? Do you like apples? I like apples too. And you can try to say “I like apples too.” with eye contact. Then she slowly follows me and finally she makes it! Then we joyously do the 'high five'. She looks like she is really satisfied by herself. Sometimes the children do not want to follow my instruction speaking English but I just let them speak Korean. I keep responding in English then they treat it as normal and they follow my instruction well again. It does not take that long time. The interesting thing is that my students know I cannot speak Korean at all but can understand Korean. It makes them be proud of themselves because they can communicate with the person who can speak only English. These days they speak English to each other fluently in a class. They do not hesitate to try to say something. They just speak out whatever they want to say. I have a class with the text book for them and I add entertainment class also. The entertainment class consists of dialogues of animations which normally come from the Walt Disney Company or Dream Works Animation and children’s songs which are famous in the USA. It is more fun class. I cannot skip this kind of class, since it makes me get more energy and passion as a teacher and students love these activities. We are really enjoying this class together. Almost all of my class’ students have a confidence in themselves. They normally say that they will be an English teacher. Whenever I hear it I am so glad because I feel I give them a good impression about English. And also I am relieved because I have an experience of being influenced wrongly when I was a high school student. I totally lost interests of studying English. It was why I had to change it and took so long time to have an interest again. Through this experience, I found out that the teacher could have influence on children’s future. So I specially care about approaching them to teach English and using words, my action and attitude in my class. I love my job. I am thankful that I had a good chance to change my job to be an English teacher 10 years ago. I am so lucky to have that chance. On my desk, there are phrases “A Great Teacher Makes Great students!!” and “An eagerness to want to teach better to reach more students more effectively and more compassionately.” these are from my TESOL class which I started to learn teaching English.