Essay 1

Think about your language learning experience.

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I took an English grammar class last semester. Wanting to check my grammar skill, I chose that. After took that class, I thought a lot about what a teacher should do and do not. And I also have a chance to teaching children so I think about what is effective ways to teach a schoolchild and what is ineffective ways for them. I will explain my opinion based on my learning and teaching experiences.

The first thing I was impressed is that she try to know us well. She wanted to know our level so that she can teach well. So she always tested our skills. When she found it is difficult to us to understand, then she repeated the thing she taught last time. If I become a teacher for a class that has many students, I will make an exam to assess them. Based on average test score, I will choose the teaching methods that everyone can be satisfied and learn well. If my students are nearly beginners, for example, I will make word cards. By posting word cards on things around them, I want for them to know easy words first and to make them remember words easier. Then my students are advanced, I will give them an assignment that records discussion with their classmates and corrects errors by themselves. As they are good at English but have few errors that they can correct, so I think it can help them to confirm their skills.

Then, I was impressed as she uses many teaching methods. She sometimes makes a group project or makes us present our opinion in front of others. And also just let us take notes that she wrote on the board. As everyone knows, there’s not a totally visual learner or an auditory learner. So I think it important to mix teaching methods that match with each of the learners. To be specific, we can use videos for easy understanding or sometimes make debates. Also we can just let them write down something on notes or typing using computer. By doing this, students can identify their intelligences. So they can understand or memorize things well based on their intelligence types by using methods that match with their types.

With my learning experience, I can think about the good teaching methods for adults. As I’m a schoolchild teacher, I taught many children so I had a chance to think about what an effective method for children. The thing which I thought different with adult learner is that concentration time. When I taught children without any breaks, they always cannot focus on what we did. So just teaching as it is a traditional classroom wasn’t effective for them. For example, they do not liked teacher centered lecture or sitting on their chair long time during the lecture. Instead, they liked student centered lecture, playing games and using multimedia. And it was effective for them when I give them a little break time. With these teaching experiences, I can know it is important to teach along with their ages.

After learning many things in my class, I can know there are many factors to consider. I have to assess students’ level and know what their intelligences are. And teacher should use many teaching methods including discussions or group projects. Also we can let them teach what we learned in front of the others. Sometimes we have to consider their ages and should have knowledge of a particular subject. Above all we should encourage our students and make them love learning and searching answers by themselves. By considering all of these, I think, we can be a good teacher. I want to be a teacher my students want to follow and believe.