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Philosophy Paper

Philosophy means the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence, especially when considered as an academic discipline. People build their philosophies about life based on their experiences, both good and bad. The way I am creating my philosophy about teaching is what I learned from the way my dad raised me, seeing my grandpa teach his classes, and more importantly, my moral values.

People do not become teachers for the money, considering how little they get paid. No, people become teachers because they truly have a passion for teaching and helping people. A lot goes into being a teacher. They are a referee, a maid, a counselor, a friend, a nurse, a person children look to for answers, all in one person. I believe every child can succeed if someone believes in them and lets them know it. I am one of the YCare after school care staff at a school in Shawnee Mission and last year I looked after 40 kindergarten through sixth graders. One girl, in particular (we will call her A), needed very special attention and made my job the worst Hell I have experienced, but she is also who made my entire day complete. A is eight years old and has Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disease but she is so smart and funny, she loves to dance, play games, and talk about everything. She is so great to be around... until she gets mad. She cusses, breaks things, gets aggressive and physical with people, and scares some of the kids until the point of tears. But will I ever give up on her? Of course not! Even just playing a game on Uno with her or

building a complex paper airplane with her while giving her my undivided attention for ten minutes helps the both of us build a better, stronger bond together and I got excited to come into work with her every day. Together, we have figured out a way for us to get along and I can help her succeed in anything she wants to do. As for the other thirty-nine kids, they are not as extreme as A but they all have their own personalities and challenges as well. I obviously need to give a bit more attention to A but that will never override the importance of the other kids' needs.

Every child has the capability to succeed. All they need is just one person to help them and believe in their abilities. Teachers have so much power, and with that power they can either make or break a child. It takes a really special person to become a teacher and I cannot wait to share my experiences with children and make them into the best people they can be.