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### Self Reflection/Evaluation Paper

Although it is a cliché response to, “Why do you want to become a teacher?” I just love interacting with children. I find it so awesome when I teach them something new and they understand it and think it’s so cool that they learned new things. Kids are so funny as well. They pretty much just say whatever, innocent, truthful thing comes into their heads. They basically have no filter and they are just so pure. It is a very hard job and the pay is not the greatest, but honestly I would do this all for free. I believe that the world was created for children and adults are only here to make their kids’ lives as best as they can be.

Some characteristics that will qualify me as a great teacher are that I am very patient when it comes to children. I also am consistent with my rules and expectations, therefore I have really great classroom management in my YCare classroom. I am also young and energetic. It is important for kids to have someone like that that they can connect with and keep up with them. In YCare on Mondays through Thursdays our schedule is wash hands, eat snack, free play and recess, and then homework time, but on Fridays we eat snack and then just play, have fun and relax because I completely understand that kids cannot have strict structure all the time and for them to be able to see a teacher or an authority figure (professionally) let loose and be silly with them, it will cause them to like school more and possibly be more motivated to listen to them.

How I will stay current as a teacher is mostly through technology. I know how to use twitter and email and I can stay up-to-date with what the kids are into, such as YouTube videos and video games.

So far I have been a YCare teacher for three years and my passion for educating children has only increased. I make it a strict point to talk to every child at least once a day and connect with them. The more I chat with them and hang out, the more I grow to like them and continue to want to be their educator and protector. Even when I have a girl in my class who is vulgar, cusses, and creates complete chaos in the classroom, I still love her with all my heart and would never give up on her, or any of my kids.

This semester has helped me grow as an educator because I have learned much from Dr. Butler and the teachers I have observed under. I realized that we do not teach for us, we teach for children. Adults have already lived through their childhood and some of them have to learn to let go and to quit living vicariously through their kids. We do not create our children's futures, but rather their pasts. Another thing that has helped me learn more, crazy enough, is the kids' parents. When people think of being a teacher, they think mostly about just the kids, but no, the parents play a big part in a teacher's life. Most parents will just adore you and want to be on the same page as you and their kids, but it is the parents who will criticize everything you do and make your life Hell that will make you into a better teacher for their kids.

Unfortunately Dr. Butler limited me to only two pages on this subject, because I can just keep writing forever. But to sum it all up, I am so excited for my future and cannot wait until I have my own classroom with my own students!