

The classroom I am trying to create, allows the students the opportunity to learn through creativity and exploration, while still being structured. During my student teaching experience in college, I couldn't wait to have my very own classroom. I wanted to incorporate all of the ideas that I have seen over the past years into my own classroom. I feel that as a child comes into their classroom the first time, especially at kindergarten, the room should be engaging and exciting to them. The classroom that I have created is bright and colorful. Students are encouraged to experiment and explore the environment around them.

As I think about the traits that mold a successful teacher, I first ponder my own learning. One trait that stands out in my own experiences is that all of the teachers who I have come into contact see themselves as being a life long learner. Teachers must not believe they know all there is to life, teaching, and school. They must be willing to take a step back and let the students act as teachers. I believe that a teacher needs to model and demonstrate the behavior and work ethics that students should do. I demonstrate honesty, hard work, dedication, and other social traits in helping them see it first hand.

In our classroom we talk about the 4 B's for our class. They are be responsible, be respectful, be safe and be prepared. These four expectations are constantly present in our class. All visitors are expected to respect and obey our classroom expectations and rules.

During my very first year, I was amazed at the experiences I had gained. My students were eager to learn, interact, and gain so many skills they will need to be successful for life. My mission as a teacher is to allow all students, no matter their background or prior knowledge, a comfortable and safe environment to learn. I feel that all students should have a voice and opinion that matters. Students should be learning through investigating all of the curricula areas to better prepare them for life. It is my job to facilitate students to find the ways to answer questions, so they can apply the answers. These opportunities include taking responsibility and building confidence through success, as well as factual information that they learn.