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I believe teaching requires one to look at the student as a whole- physically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally- and that each child should be in an environment that allows them to learn and grow into who they are called to be. As a teacher I can help each student by forming a relationship with them and have a classroom that motivates and encourages a child to learn. It is my desire to bring out the best in every child by providing an environment that is creative, safe, and teaches respect to all. I believe it is important to show children it is good to have ideas and to ask questions. Being an active learning can help a student develop different skills they will use not just in the classroom but life as well. There are three practices I believe are best in establishing an environment such as I described, forming a relationship with students, building confidence in them, and allowing students to explore and be creative.

I believe forming a relationship with students is important in order for a student to learn. I can do this by making the students feel comfortable in class and allow flexibility in the class. I can also learn and understand the students needs and desires, which will help me know more about them and will allow me to be a more effective teacher. Having support from a teacher is helpful in learning and growing into the person you are called to be.

Another practice I believe in is building confidence into each student. As a teacher I can do this by allowing them to have say in some of the class activities and providing a positive atmosphere in the classroom. By promoting positivity, the students will learn to believe in themselves and take on challenges. In the classroom I can allow for questioning and guided discussions to promote independence in students which will build their confidence. Another way I can help build confidence is by showing them support when they do something well or when

then make a mistake. I believe it is important that students learn to make mistakes, but take each mistake as a lesson to learn. As an educator I can encourage children to continuing trying and growing even when they do mess up. I can be there for them during the good and the bad and teach them how to handle difficult situations. As a teacher I believe it is important to help students gain confidence in themselves and to be there to support them as they learn and grow.

The third practice I believe in is allowing students to explore and be creative. As an educator I can allow hands-on activities to be apart of each class and give the students opportunities to ask questions. My hope is that students will always have a natural curiosity and desire to learn. I can do this by allowing them to explore different topics they are interested in. In the classroom I can be a guide to their learning and allow them to have a say in what is being taught and how they learn. It is important for students to study topics that are meaningful and relevant to one's own life. As a teacher, by allowing students to explore their own interests, I am given the opportunity to show how each subject can be connected. Developing a classroom that involves student's interests allows for self motivation and a deeper desire to learn. When students generate ideas and set their own goals they find self motivation to learn and grow physically, intellectually, socially, and emotionally.

There are many practices that come with teaching and three that I believe to be important are forming a relationship with students, building confidence, and allowing creativity to grow. One of my goals as an educator is to share my desire of learning with my students in hopes they will find their own love for learning. I want to strive to be the best teacher each student needs, and not only provide children with an education but instill a desire to learn and a curiosity that will help them grow into the men and women they are called to be.