My Desire to Teach

As a little girl, I pretended to teach and would setup a classroom with my dolls as students. I imagined what a perfect classroom was like and tried to act out those ideas. School and the enjoyment that it brought into my life has always captivated my attention. It has always been a great joy to be around my teachers. I became even more interested in teaching once my older sister earned her degree in elementary education. Teaching as a career became one of my goals very early on in life. There are many reasons why I have chosen to join this profession.

One of the reasons I have such an interest in teaching can be attributed to a wonderful teacher named Mrs. Mullet. Last year when I did my mentorship, I had the opportunity to work with her in a first grade classroom. She has a special relationship with her student that amazes me. Students trust her and they love the environment in the classroom. Working there three days a week, interacting and observing, was the greatest thing. I really enjoyed myself, and that experience furthered my decision to follow in her footsteps.

One attribute that is very important to me is trust. I want my students to be able to talk to me whenever they need. I know that there are going to be some children who don’t come from very good homes, and I want them to be able to confide in me with their problems. I want to be the teacher the children will remember, just like I remember Mrs.
Mullet. I also want to be able to help out any child that I can to make their childhood the way that it should be, happy and fun.

Rita A. Jensen and Therese J. Kiley wrote *Teaching, Leading, and Learning*, in one of the chapters it talks about why people decide to become teachers, “a desire to work with young people, a love of children, and a need to make a difference” (p. 5). These are reasons why I want to be a teacher. These are very important, and teachers have to have these things in order to make it in the teaching profession. I have the desire to work with young children, I love children, and I want to make a difference in their lives.

My family always tells me that I will make a great teacher because of my creativity. I want to use my creativeness to make my student’s learning environment fun and exciting. I want my students to want to go to school everyday. I want them to enjoy themselves while learning responsibility, and life experiences.

One thing I think is important for children to learn is how to interact with different kinds of people. When they are able to interact with different people, they will have fun, and they will have a lot of friends that they never would have imagined. That will help them throughout life.

Because of my love for children, and wanting to make a difference in their lives, I want to be a teacher. This is something that I have been sure about my whole life. I’ve never really wanted to be anything else. My sister and Mrs. Mullet have really made a big impact on my life, and I want to be just like them. My main goal when I become a teacher is to be the teacher everyone will remember.
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