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Teaching Credo

When I think about my future as a teacher I start to get very excited. I can not wait until I am in the classroom teaching my young students. Whenever I was asked what I wanted to do for a living as a small child I always said that I wanted to become a teacher. Now in my younger years I wanted to be a Social Studies teacher but as I got older I decided on becoming an elementary teacher. I have had many teachers who have influenced me and I plan on influencing many students in my life time of educating.

As a teenager whenever I told another teenager that I wanted to be a teacher, most of them did not get it. They always wanted to know why I wanted to be a teacher; most of them did not get it. They always wanted to know why I would want to spend the rest of my life in a classroom. In response to that I would always say that I do not understand why anyone would want to spend the rest of their life in an office or even around sick people, for all of those who wanted to be doctors. I have always wanted to be a teacher. I think that it all started with my second grade teacher. We started social studies in second grade and I loved it, so I decided that I was going to become a social studies teacher. But then I got into fifth grade and I had Mr. Williman, he was the teacher that changed my decision. He was one of those teachers that were really hard on you if you acted up or did not do your homework, but he taught me a lot. He was a teacher that taught me how everyone was equal, there was no such thing as the most popular kid in his eyes and I had the pleasure of learning that. After I had his class I told my parents that I wanted to be just like him, I wanted to be as good as a teacher as what he was. I decided then that

I wanted to become an elementary teacher. I had the pleasure of getting to have him again my senior year. I decided that I was going to go back to my elementary school and cadet taught with him. I knew that I loved him as a teacher when I was younger but I thought things might have changed since I had gotten older. Once there I saw that nothing had changed. While there I decided that I should pick his head because to this day he is the best teacher I have ever had. I wanted to be that teacher, the one that was very stern with her children, but could still be an awesome teacher who they liked. I learned man things in his fifth grade classroom even as being a senior in high school.

Of course Mr. Williman was on of the main reasons that I shoe the profession of being a teacher, but there are many more reasons. One of the best things I experienced in my last two years of high school while cadet teaching was when that little light went off in the children's heads when they had finally understood what I was teaching them. I love being with children, and I understand that they will disappoint me but I think the other times that I am with them will make up for the few disappointments. Later on in life I plan to have a family. When I do have this family I want to have children. With becoming a teacher I get to have all the vacation that my children do, I get to go into school either as they are getting on the bus or a little before. I get to spend the most amount of time with them. Family is the most important thing to me in life. I also think that I have many of the qualities to become a very good teacher. I also think that this is the best profession out there that anyone could possibly do, you get to mold our future.

To make my classroom the best classroom that it could be I need to have some kind of teaching philosophy. We have learned about progressivism, essentialism, and perennilism. I do not think that I have one in particular that I agree with. However I do agree with bits and parts of each. With essentialist they believe that children should learn the basics, I agree with this. There

are some things that I do not think that a person could go on in life with not learning. In this they also think that you should teach every student as an individual, but this is not very practical for most classrooms and would cost far more money than any state has in their education fund. If I had to choose one that I thought that I agreed with the most, it would be progressivism. In this one they learn from the original subjects that were taught in the classroom. They also are taught respect and manners. I think that these are some of the main things that a child should be taught. Without respect and manners, a person can not get anywhere in life. These things are all main essentials in life. I am will to teach these important life skills to the children, because I believe in them and that is one of the many thing you have to do to be able to teach.

As I wrote this paper I began to remember why I decided to become a teacher. It has made me more excited about this class and my other education classes than anything else. I can not wait to be able to be in the classroom and teaching with the children. This is my dream and it is finally coming true!