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Philosophy of Education Statement Assignment

Philosophy of Education Belief Statements of Justin Walter

I believe…

* **Formative assessments** are a must when monitoring student’s progress.
* The purpose of education is to better the country we live in. Education is a tool that everyone must have to function in society, they must have **critical thinking** along with **social and cultural skills**.
* Teaching should be based around the **5 pillars of reading instruction.** These pillars would include Phonemic Awareness, Phonics, Fluency, Vocabulary and Comprehension. All of these pillars have a distinct place in the teaching of reading.
* Knowledge is mostly based on **universal truths** rather than certain times and places. This is because no matter what time or period it is knowledge is always rooted from the universal truths.
* **Inner discipline plan** for classroom management is a strong way to connect with students and help them create that self-responsibility.
* Schools should be used to give every person a **foundation** in which they can learn and function in society.
* A **language arts approach** to teaching is a good approach for many reasons. Not only do I feel that you should be using language arts as an approach to learning but also using basal texts.
* Every school should have dedicated teachers and the neccissary tools for students to succeed and gain **critical thinking and social skills**.
* Technology is an integral part of a student’s education. I feel that as generations go by, **technology** is constantly being used as a tool and also is conditioned and implemented into younger and younger people. Using technology is an inevitable process in student learning and can benefit the students heavily.
* A curriculum should include well-planned and organized activities with student interactions and **cooperative learning**. It should be based upon Madeline Hunter’s design of a curriculum.
* When developing a lesson you should always try to **integrate the arts**, use multiple exposures and involve **multiple intelligences**.
* A curriculum should contain the basic skills, like reading and writing critically because literacy is the foundation of all learning.
* When teaching anything to a student you should make the **material relevant to the student** and also interest and motivate them to learn.
* The relationship between students and teachers should always be professional. Teachers and students should interact and **learn from one another** to succeed.
* **Differentiating** lessons for students in need is important for leveling the playing field and
* The relationship between teachers and students should include teaching and learning skills and subjects, and that teachers should help students **explore** their imagination and **discover** new things.
* Progress should be monitored through **measureable, valid, and reliable assessments.**
* In order for a student to succeed a teacher must have a well-organized, efficient, and effective classroom, where **classroom management** is of the highest priority. I believe a teacher should always have the entire week planned out so that the classroom can run as efficiently as possible.

From the three parts of a lesson, having desired results, assessing your students (whether it be from formative or summative testing), and having activities for students to learn, effective and successful teaching can occur.