I think it is important to have an understanding of our philosophy of education in order to know what we believe in and to know how we want to teach our students. To begin my philosophy of education I will discuss my beliefs of what a teacher and students role is. I think that the teacher’s role is to engage the students in a critical pedagogy in the classroom. This would be seen in an effort to take down the power struggle between the student and the teacher. I think that the teacher’s role is to have a classroom management strategy in place in the classroom, but it needs to have been discussed thoroughly with the students in order for them to understand the rules of the classroom. I think that it is important that the students are able to work together in groups in which they can discuss issues and critically think about them. The student’s role is to engage with the material and be an active learning within the classroom.

Another role that I think that the teacher needs to fulfill is to understand that each child is different and I think that the teacher’s role is to accept all the diversity in the classroom. I think that the teacher needs to understand that every student is unique and is made in God’s image. Furthermore, I think that there a classroom should have a wide range of learning resources in order to help all of the students’ different learning styles. Most importantly it is important to note that all children have different backgrounds causing them to learn differently.

Another important aspect to teaching is professionalism, and I will strive to be the most professional as a teacher. I understand that there are certain barriers that one cannot cross with a student and will respect that throughout my career. I also believe that confidentiality is an important aspect in education and will continue to keep confidentiality for the children I work with.

In my experiences working with children I have found that it is important to speak to them with respect and break down the power barriers between the teacher and student. I also have found that problem based learning and having multiple opportunities to succeed is an important aspect to education. I think that the assessment should be based on the child’s own accomplishment and development, and should be a way to decipher what the child needs help with. From my experiences I have began to believe that children learn from their environment around them and that every person that they come into contact with leaves an impression on them. Therefore, it is important to give them the opportunity to communicate with their peers as well as with their teacher. I believe that their past experiences effect their learning and what they think of things. I think that children are very influential and want people to believe in them. Lastly, I think that a student’s achievement should be measured through their improvement rather than the end point.

I think this personal philosophy will contribute to my understanding of what kind of teacher I want to be. I think that it is important to understand how I think children learn and how I want to teach them based on that. I think that a personal philosophy gives me a purpose and a direction, and allows me to think about what it is that I believe in order for me to stand up for it and to teach it. I believe that I will continue to learn throughout my entire life, and especially in my faith. I also will strive to accept all my student’s for who they are and will attempt to provide multiple learning opportunities. I want to continue to take courses in order to keep up to date on different teaching methods and children development. I will continue to push myself outside my comfort zone in order for me to continue to grow and develop into my full potential.