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Philosophy of Education

Every student matter and valued in the eyes of God. I do things, teach, work, present, and love as I am giving it and presenting it to the lord.

I was blessed to be working in different countries (the Unites States of America and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan) and to be exposed to different cultures and ethnicities within. Sometimes there were radical cultural differences between these cultures. However, one true virtue stood out and never failed me in any place, which is love. Love for the people we are working with, love for serving students, love in giving, love in seeing students growing and becoming more independent in doing tasks that were challenging to them and showing love in sharing with others and preparing classrooms. Although many times seeing and acting with love can be hard epically in challenging situations. Thus, I strongly believe that whatever situation we go through in life, or people we deal with, can only make us better individuals and humble ourselves. This evolution will always take time, and personal effort. But in the end, if there is a will there is always a way!

One more aspect that I cannot teach without is bringing a part of me in the classroom through sharing personal, age-appropriate life stories and feeling. This is an act that I simply cannot ignore or go without as It is important for me to be the same person in and outside the classroom. Valuable personnel experiences and human connectedness can be added to any curriculum taught. It is the teacher and the students together who bring the curriculum to life. I feel with any student no different that I deal and feel with my own children, and my students sensed this relationship throughout the years of my teachings.

As for differentiation, which is mostly a way of thinking. Thinking about the different needs of the students while planning, thinking of enhancing any activity to meet these needs, and often it is the ability to make instant decisions during the lesson. Differentiation is a mindset that continues to develop over time and practice. This doesn't require extra effort, all it what it needs are investing in a strong relationship and knowing your students strengths and challenges.

Teaching is truly a complex act. Just like being a mother is! I am fully aware that as a teacher, I will be evolving and my progression in teaching and experiences are yet still to progress more however, I am not afraid to do mistakes and learn.

And finally, I say to all my student a quote by Rachel Maria Martin **"You are never a number, but rather, Always remember, you are priceless."**

Rachel Maria Martin of "Brave Heart of Motherhood" on findingjoy.net