

## **My Classroom Management Philosophy**

Having a well-managed classroom is a key component in student's learning and teacher's teaching. When a classroom is effectively managed students feel comfortable and safe which helps promote their learning. There are four goals that a teacher should have to help them run an effective managed classroom. They are as follows: create a positive classroom climate, create a community of learners, develop learner responsibility, and maximizing time and opportunities for learning. I believe in all four of them and will utilize them in my classroom. It is also very important for a teacher to incorporate other things to help create productive learning environments for their students such as caring for their students, creating specific classroom rules and procedures, involving parents or guardians, and intervening in cases of misbehavior. I am going to discuss a little on each of these subjects, why I feel they are important to use in my classroom, and how I will incorporate them to run my classroom effectively.

The four goals that a teacher should have in order to run an effective classroom are very important because they help prevent misbehavior. It is important to stress that these do not necessarily prevent all misbehavior in the classroom but they help tremendously and experts say that prevention is 80% of an effective classroom management system.

I strongly believe that creating a positive classroom climate is very important because children need to feel loved, accepted, respected, and physically and emotionally safe in order to learn at their full potential. It is important for me to bring this to my classroom because I want my students to know that they are safe and I want them to know that they will always have a place in my classroom to learn and be loved. I will make my classroom very inviting for my student's by decorating my classroom in an inviting fashion by putting many different pictures

and displays up that promote learning. At the beginning of each year I will have each student introduce themselves and tell us something special about them so they know that no matter how different they may be that they are important and accepted. Also every morning I will greet each student at the door with a warm smile on my face reminding them that each of them are wanted and once again, accepted in my classroom.

Creating a community of learners is important because students need to feel included, supported, and respected. In my classroom I am going to stress that we are all going to learn together and help each other along the way. I will call on students during learning activities as equally as possible, even if their hands are not raised because all students need to know that their input is important. I am going to make them feel important by including them in classroom discussions on a continual basis. I will also stress how important it is to respect each other in my classroom and that everyone deserves respect. I am going to establish rules and procedures in my classroom which I will let my students know that they are in place to protect all of our rights as individuals.

Developing learner responsibility in a classroom is necessary because students need to know that they are responsible for their own actions and how they may influence others. Students need to know that rules are in place because they are important to everyone and that they don't need to follow them to avoid getting in trouble but that they need to follow them because they are there to protect the rights of themselves and others. I will make sure to express to my students at the beginning of the year when going over the rules in our class why each of them is important. I will also explain why order in the classroom is important to everyone's learning and that it is their responsibility to follow each of the rules daily.

I feel that teachers need to maximize their time and opportunities for learning because promoting academic learning is the core of an effective management system. Students are at school to learn and it is our responsibility to teach them. Maximizing learning time can promote responsibility because students will learn that they should begin working as soon as they get to school which makes more time available for learning. In order to maximize learning time I will create a routine (planning/schedule) that allocates specific time for each subject but in the time for each subject I will create many different learning activities for each subject in order to engage my students in more academic learning time. I will help my students in the learning activities to help them become successful which will increase student learning as well.

Now that I have discussed the four major roles in classroom management and how I will address them in my classroom I want to specifically discuss some of the other components that have briefly already discussed. One of the things that I feel is most important for teachers to do in order to have an effective and well managed classroom is to show their students that they care for them, genuinely. I will show my students on a daily basis that I care for them, that they are welcome in my classroom, and I will give them support in class whether it be specific to learning or any other situations that may arise. I will show my students that they are valuable and important to me and my classroom no matter their academic performance, this is important for each of their learning and also will help their motivation in class. As I discussed before, I am going to greet my students each day at the door, I will get to know them as individuals, I will hold my student's to high standards and will let them know that I believe that they can always do their best. I will smile at my students often and give them the eye contact that they deserve when they are talking.

As a teacher I will create procedures and discuss them with my students at the beginning of the year when I discuss the classroom rules. Procedures are important for order in a classroom and students can abide by the procedures much better when they are directly discussed and consistently upheld. I will create procedures for many things such as handing in homework or papers, making trips to the restroom, making up missed work, and many more. I believe that rules and procedures go hand in hand most of the time and that is why I will discuss both of them at the beginning of the year with my students.

Involving parents in their children's learning in and out of the classroom is important because students that have involved parents have more positive attitudes and behaviors, higher achievement, more willingness to do homework, and better attendance. I want all these things for my students so I will do my best to involve the parents of my students. At the beginning of the year I will send home a letter that specifies my expectations for my students which also will ask for help from the parents along the way, which will ask for a signature acknowledging that they understand what I am asking from both of them. I will also keep communication open with the parents of my students and let them know that if they ever have any questions or concerns not to hesitate to contact me because I am here for them and their child. I will also emphasize student's accomplishments with their parents by sending home individual notes for the parents to see their student's success. I will also send home notes for parents if a student needs help with specific subjects so we can address the problem together.

It is extremely important for a teacher to intervene when misbehavior occurs in class because when misbehavior occurs it has the potential to disrupt the entire classroom which takes away from the important academic learning time. In my classroom I will praise students for paying attention or working on subject because I know children love praise and positive

reinforcement so I feel that doing this will help keep an orderly classroom. I know that my classroom will not always be orderly and in the case of a disruptive student I will stress how important it is not to talk while others are talking. When someone does talk out of turn or is disruptive I will call on that person and stress not to do that again, if that student continues to disrupt the class I will remove them from the classroom. I will always preserve student dignity at the same time because it is important once again that students feel safe and welcome in my room. I will always make sure to be consistent in dealing with disruptive students because consistency is a key component when dealing with children. I will make sure that my students know that I know exactly what is going on in the classroom and that I will handle all disruptiveness very quickly.

Having an effectively managed classroom is important not only to a teacher's teaching but to a student's learning as I listed previously. I feel that all of the things I have discussed are extremely important in maintaining a well-managed classroom. I look forward to implementing all of these things in my own classroom. I look forward to making sure my students feel safe, welcome, appreciated, and respected. I feel that these things I have listed will not only aid with their successful learning in my classroom but will aid in their successful future as well.