

Marteinn David Tomasson's Teaching Philosophy

What kind of teacher will I one day like to become? What set of beliefs will I have to fall back on so as to guide me in my day to day actions in the classroom? Before I state my philosophy, I would like to explain what I feel about today's students, the role of the school and what my role will be as a teacher.

Well, today's students have had an unfair picture painted of them. We often see movies that portray students as either violent children that make teachers' lives a living hell or as hopeless individuals that never seem to be able to learn a thing in class. I know that these students do exist but this is not an accurate image. Students today are mostly children that are willing to learn and just need someone to guide them in the right direction. For those students that make it hard for the teacher to guide them, well they are the ones that make the job interesting, a perfect time to put one's problem solving skills to work.

But where would one try and reach these children? The obvious answer is the school. However, a school is something more than a place for students to spend seven hours of their day in. I feel that a school is obviously the ideal place for a child to further their own knowledge. However, I think that a school also serves a bigger purpose. It not only allows the student to be in an environment that lets them learn more about the world from their teachers but it gives them with the opportunity to interact with pedagogues that can provide them direction to their future. Where else can these children go to everyday and be exposed to great teaching from individuals that just might influence their future in such a positive manner? All this from being in a place called school!

Now it should be easy to see what I believe my role as a teacher should be.. Yes, I am first of all a person that tries to pass on my specialized knowledge to these children.

That is however no the most important thing. I must instill my philosophy of creating a classroom that operates by set rules and enforced by a stern but fair teacher. I must remember that my goal is not to bombard these children with facts, instruction and unfair classroom rules. I am there to be an individual that possesses a teaching style and philosophy that might just one day assist a child in deciding what they would like to with their lives!