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### Teaching Philosophy

Over the course of this semester I have been thinking a lot about the way I have seen teachers teach and about the type of teacher I want to be. I was talking with a superior a couple weeks ago and she asked me “what kind of a classroom do you want to have?” I thought about it and then I responded with that I wanted my classroom to be welcoming and loving. I chose these two aspects because after observing and seeing how the students act in certain environments I have noticed that students will not open up if they do not feel comfortable and safe. I have noticed that a lot of the classroom experience rests on the relationship of teacher to student and peer to peer. I want my students to feel safe and at home in the classroom. One of my favorite quotes that I want to have represented in my classroom is from the book *Wonder*, “Be kind, for everyone is fighting a hard battle.”

As I have been reflecting on the type of teacher and classroom I want to have, the biggest aspect to have present is attitude, specifically an attitude of gratitude. I have learned that the attitude we have is all based on our own choices. If I choose to have a good attitude the likelihood of bad things affecting my day is lower than if I choose to start my day with a poor attitude. I want to show my students by example that we don’t always get to do what we want. Sometimes the school day does not go as a teacher has planned or sometimes a test does not go as well as a student had hoped, but failure does not define our success. Failure also does not define who we are.

Attitude, welcoming, loving, failure and success, these are all things I want to show and represent in my classroom to help my students have a learning environment that can help bring

them success. I know that it won't be easy, but I know that it is possible because I have experienced it as a student and seen it in my former teachers.