HOW TO BECOME AN EFFECTIVE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER?

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Kindergarten is a pivotal year in a child’s academic development. Quite often, it’s the first formal year of instruction, which means the child will be introduced to several new skills throughout the year. Although good teachers are crucial for each grade level, it's especially important that kindergarten teachers are effective. After all, they will set the tone for a student’s opinion about school in general and learning in particular. There are common traits among effective kindergarten teachers.

More than anything, infancy teachers must have a passion for what they are doing. Being a kindergarten teacher isn't always easy, and actually are often quite challenging sometimes. Teachers who love what they do and feel like they are making a difference will feel a sense of accomplishment that will sustain and motivate them during challenging times.

Although kids are cute and fun, they will even be defiant and difficult sometimes, and through those times teachers must have an intrinsic motivation to beat the obstacles in front of them. If teaching doesn’t ignite the eagerness inside an individuals they ought to find a more suitable career.

Patience is a must when teaching kindergarten. Small children are unpredictable. It will test their teacher’s patience regularly by being easily distracted or disruptive. There are days when some students are overly tired, hungry, not feeling well or just not in the mood to learn. Kindergarten teachers must be ready to adjust lesson plans accordingly and not get stressed over unforeseen issues. Not all children learn at the same pace, which can lead to frustration when trying to get through a lesson. Children in kindergarten also are just learning the way to act appropriately on a social level when handling many other
children, so there'll be behavior issues that has got to be dealt with at what might be an inappropriate time.

Most teachers have great ideas when it involves classroom instruction, but often times the resources aren't there to supply teachers with everything they desire. When resources are limited, teachers must be creative, and this is often very true for kindergarten teachers.

Children who are coming to high school for the primary time should feel comfortable and happy. The environment should be warm and welcoming, but it should also provide enough stimulation to keep children engaged. The same goes for planning lessons; the more creativity involved the more engaged the students will be, which eliminates behavior problems.

As mentioned earlier, children are unpredictable. The ability to watch a situation and adjust the teachings for the day is crucial. Whether it’s raining outside, causing an outdoor lesson to be cancelled, or the copy machine is down when you get to school, teachers have to be willing to deal with change and unexpected turns.

Kindergarten teachers, especially, have to be flexible. Some days, the classroom will be full of eager faces ready to learn, but other days it might seem more like a zoo! Small children tend to feed off each other, so if a couple of kids are having a nasty day, it might not be unusual for the whole class to look “off” that day, which could require a change in classroom instruction.

Respect for college kids and their families is a crucial trait for any teacher to possess, but it's heightened at the kindergarten level because it’s the primary interaction that a lot of parents and children will have with a teacher. Treating each student and family as a crucial member of the training community will open great communication and cause a mutual respect.
Part of respecting students and families is having an understanding and appreciation of diversity. Children come from all different cultures and backgrounds, and that is important for teachers to remember when planning lessons, addressing the class or just teaching in general. Making generalized statements that may seem narrow-minded can hurt people and leads to conflict with parents. Students will flourish in an environment that reflects respect for one another, and they will learn to treat each other that way as well.

Most kindergarten teachers are exhausted at the top of the teaching day. They are up and moving with the kids, they are animated and fun and they are showing their students that school is a wonderful place to be. Children love to use songs and chants to learn certain concepts. They are kinesthetic learners, so moving around and getting out of their seats will help them retain information as well.

Kindergarten teachers are the primary people to introduce students to the planet of education. They open doors that some children didn’t even know existed! If teachers incorporate these traits into their teaching, they will develop students who are lifelong learners. Kindergarten teachers for years have discovered methods to make their classrooms effective yet fun, and it’s important to follow the same path, in order to ensure the success of students for years to come.

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