

Management Philosophy

A classroom needs to have love and discipline to run smoothly. In order to, show the students that they are loved; there need to be set rules for their behavior in the classroom. Having procedures posted in the classroom, and teaching them to the students, during the first two weeks of the school year, will help the students know how they are expected to behave in the classroom.

When dealing with disruptive students, beginning with non-verbal messages is the best place to start. Having multiple non-verbal techniques in the management plan of the classroom will make disciplining the disruptive students quicker and easier. Using Michael Grinder's Seven Gems in an elementary classroom, will help create less disruptive students, because they will know that when certain signals are given, they need to get back to work and it will not create a distraction for the other students.

Decreasing the number of helpless handraisers in the classroom by using the praise, prompt, and leave technique will help the management of a classroom be much easier. When using this technique, a child is raising their hand before even trying to answer the question. Praising them is the first thing that needs to be done. Next, they need to know the next step. So I will prompt them on the next step and then finally walk away. Walking away will help the student figure out that they need to do things on their own, and finally they will be freed from being a helpless handraiser. The teacher will also be free from having to spend the extra time with the helpless handraisers, and can focus on then class as a whole.

Also in an elementary classroom, there needs to be consistency. If there is a plan in place for disciplining disruptive students, and the plan is followed, then the classroom will not be easier to control. Every time the set rules, in the plan, are broken the control of the classroom is dropped from the teacher to the students. Keeping this control is the most important part of classroom management. Consistency in all techniques that are used in the classroom, will be the key to keeping the control in the teacher's hands.

Classroom management has many techniques that will be implemented in my classroom, to keep the control in my hands and create the best learning environment that I can for all of my students.