Philosophy of Teaching
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Show children a diverse world
I believe that in this age and society, global connections are very important in any career. With the global economy expanding and the United States accommodating more and more diverse people, races, and cultures, it is important for children to grow up with the open mindedness of different cultures and customs. Young minds are still developing ideas of society and have the capacity to learn and hold a lot of new information and change the world. These students are the future of this nation. By allowing them the experience new perspectives and ways to communicate in the safety of a classroom environment, I hope I can influence these children to become more upstanding, moral, and respectful citizens. By believing in them and helping them, I hope to aid the students in discovering their passions: who they are and what they want to be. I particularly enjoy seeing students grow, from their initial stages of learning a completely new language to becoming a student capable of applying their knowledge to the real world.

Give them a means and a mode
A teacher's main goal in the classroom is to provide for the students. The teacher is not just present to give students different methods to learn and a variety of activities to stimulate learning, but also to give the students opportunities to practice and allow them the chance to find out for themselves how they best learn and how they can use the information they take from each class. Throughout the duration of a class period or a course, students will have questions regarding not only the material presented in class, but perhaps even other dilemmas. The role of the teacher in these situations are to give them a way to solve their problems, to be the extra support system that student might need in order to succeed in that class, in their school, and to be able to graduate and live a successful life.

Practice makes perfect
Like music, dance, or even learning to ride a bike, the more practice opportunities students are given, the more likely they are able to apply the language to different situations and the more likely they are able to succeed. However, in a classroom, there will be students from different backgrounds and different learning styles all in one place. In order to accommodate the variety of students in my classroom, I provide different teaching methods, using a combination of group work, power point lessons, artistic projects, and games in order to engage the students and keep each student interested in the content. By practicing using different methods, the students are able to view the material in diverse and even unfamiliar situations. Beyond this, these students are growing up in a technologically advanced society. By taking advantage of these tools, such as recording speaking portions, having the students type in Chinese, or other means, the continual practice allows the students to solidify their skills and build their confidence in being able to apply their knowledge in the real world.

Lifelong learners
Everyone, including teachers, should strive to be lifelong learners. I learn by constantly evolving my lesson plans and teaching methods in order to best accommodate the changing society of students. By attending many trainings and workshops, taking in lessons from students and parents, and referencing the teaching community, I will be better equipped to relay lesson material to my students. My goal as an educator is to provide students with the cultural diversity and understanding that the world needs for a more peaceful future.