PHILOSOPHY OF TEACHING

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Water finds the least resistant path.

Water will not fight with the hard rocks to go through the path, but find the least resistant way to pass. Sometimes, student doesn't have the motivation to learn, teachers don't take it personally, try to stand at student's side and think, there might be a story behind the problem. Don't try to use the toughest way to fight with them, it could hurt your feeling and the relationship between you and your student.

I believe learning Chinese can be fun. Teaching a foreign language is not only teaching the language itself but also the better way to communicate with different people from other places. It includes culture comprehension, social manners and observing things from different perspectives. I don't like to push students to do the mechanic repeating activities or learn something they don't like to learn. In a short term, they might remember the content for a while, but it doesn't help learners to communicate with the target language effectively. To achieve more in language learning or teaching: meaning and communication will be the best helping hands.

What I can do in the near future teaching are:

- Having more student-centered activities.
- Modeling the format and providing more clear instruction before student-centered activities.
- Providing authentic setting, material (audio, video recordings and authentic written texts).
- Anything I will teach should be based on meaning and communication purpose.
- Using full immersion Chinese language to teach.
- Designing comprehension assessment (e.g. survey, interview, role play performance, pair work and ask questions).
- Loving students and trying to understand them.
- Teaching Chinese language but also delivering the culture message.
- Don't force your students to learn, but try to modify the lesson plan and sentence pattern to meet students' communication needs.