

Rachel Macdonald's Teaching Philosophy

As an educator, I believe that all students are capable of learning regardless of their needs or abilities. I believe in allowing my students an education that is the best fit for them as individuals. I will strive to provide differentiation opportunities in my classroom and lessons.

My goal as a teacher is to promote the idea of inclusion in not only my classroom but every classroom. I believe that all students should feel welcomed and loved in our schools. Each and every student with special needs can benefit from the interactions and relationships they make with their classmates in the general education setting. I will strive to include all students to show them a love for learning that goes well beyond the classroom.

I believe in building my students up through learning the content while also building their self-esteem and confidence. I will encourage and create a classroom environment that fosters social and emotional growth of my students. As a teacher, I want to see my students willing to take risks in their academic learning to increase their abilities.

Finally, I will encourage myself to never stop learning. As I further my teaching skills and techniques I will be able to increase my students learning as well. My teaching values will evolve as I continue to fall into new experiences; however, these are the fundamental values I will bring with as I continue to teach.