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I believe that all children are capable of learning. All children cannot learn everything, but can all learn something. As teachers I feel, that it our responsibility to figure out how to be valuable and help assist every student with his or her learning process. It should be a goal in every classroom to form a secure environment. I also believe that all teachers should teach non-cognitive skills to every student in the beginning years of elementary education.

For all children to benefit from the education that schools offer, teachers need to learn and/or discover each individual students learning style. Students in a classroom are all different, and different in multiple ways: not only in gender and ethnicity, but also in their background, age, culture, and nationality. Getting to know each student will help the teacher learn how to approach each students learning style based on their individual differences.

All students do not learn at the same pace, but if teachers developed different strategies it is feasible for each individual student to learn. Not all students learn from being lectured for the whole class period, which is what traditionally happens. I believe active learning is a major part of education, and it needs to be taken advantage of more than it is. If active learning is used the students will learn communication skills, teamwork, and creativity. Which will all, help them be successful individuals in our society.

My goal as a teacher is to build creative, versatile, and successful individuals. In order for this to happen, there needs to be a safe learning environment for all

students. My future students need to learn that it is okay to fail, and that the classroom is the perfect place to make them. Failure is a part of everyone's life, and we all need to accept that. Everyone makes mistakes, and all children need to learn that at a young age otherwise they might grow up to be shy, reserved, and scared to try new things because they have a fear of failure. A safe learning environment also includes a safety from the outside world. Forming a relationship with students is important. For some students a teacher might be the only reliable person they have, and they need to feel safe around the teacher.

Cognitive as well as non-cognitive skills need to be taught in the classroom. Although many believe that non-cognitive skills should be left to the parents to teach, I believe it is a teacher's responsibility to reinforce those skills in the classroom and at school. Students are at school for an average of eight hours each day, which is more than most children spend time with their parents. We as teachers need to realize that. Some parents do not focus on family time and their primary focus is their job. Not all of our students will come to school with a supportive family behind them, and we need to help those students in particular. Non-cognitive skills are important for the success of children/students in society, as we know it today.

I believe, as teachers, we have the ability to shape students' minds and make them successful individuals. It is my goal as a teacher is to help each student be the best possible person they can be. Whether that is academically or in their personal life, I believe it is an important factor in their life and will help them, as they grow older.