Theory, Philosopher, and Inspiration





Educational Philosopher and physician: Maria Montessori



- The educational philosopher who inspires me the most is Maria Montessori. Montessori believed that children learn best through hands-on experiences, independence, exploration, and a supportive learning environment. Her educational philosophy emphasizes the importance of recognizing that every child develops at their own pace and should be provided with opportunities to actively participate in their learning.
- I connect with Montessori's philosophy because I believe students learn more effectively when they are actively engaged rather than simply listening to instruction. Throughout my student teaching experience in a third-grade classroom, I have incorporated manipulatives, visual representations, partner activities, and opportunities for students to explore mathematical concepts. These instructional strategies allow students to develop a deeper understanding while building confidence and independence.
- One aspect of Montessori's philosophy that stands out to me is her belief in respecting each child's individual learning needs. As a future educator, I recognize that students enter the classroom with different abilities, backgrounds, and experiences. I believe it is my responsibility to create an inclusive learning environment where students feel encouraged to explore, ask questions, make mistakes, and grow.



Educational Theory: Social Justice Education



- The educational theory that resonates with me the most is Social Justice Education, which emphasizes equity, inclusion, fairness, and equal access to educational opportunities. Educational scholar Sonia Nieto highlights the importance of recognizing students' diverse cultural and social backgrounds to promote educational equity.
- I believe being an educator goes beyond teaching academic content. Teachers have a responsibility to advocate for their students and create a safe, supportive, and inclusive learning environment. Throughout my student teaching experience, I have learned that every student has unique needs and challenges. By providing differentiated instruction and additional support, I strive to ensure every student has an opportunity to succeed.
- This theory is important to me because I believe every child deserves an educator who advocates for them, believes in their potential, and ensures their voice is heard.





Inspiring Educator: Professor Robin Valente



- One educator who has inspired me throughout my journey of becoming a teacher is Professor Robin Valente, a faculty member in the teaching credential program at California State University, Bakersfield. Throughout her courses, she has emphasized the importance of being more than just a teacher. She has taught me that educators are also advocates, trusted adults, and a safe space for their students.
- One of the most important lessons I have learned from Professor Valente is that students come into our classrooms with different backgrounds, experiences, and challenges that may affect their learning. As educators, it is our responsibility to recognize these differences and create an environment where every student feels valued, supported, and understood.
- Her compassion, dedication, and student-centered approach have shaped my teaching philosophy. She has inspired me to become an educator who not only supports students academically but also advocates for their well-being, builds meaningful relationships, and creates a classroom where students feel safe and comfortable being themselves.







My Philosophy
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- Together, these educational influences have helped shape the type of teacher I aspire to become. Maria Montessori's philosophy reminds me of the importance of student-centered, hands-on learning. Social Justice Education reinforces my commitment to equity, inclusion, and advocating for every student. Professor Robin Valente has inspired me to recognize that teaching goes beyond academics and that educators can make a lasting difference in students' lives.
- My goal is to become an educator who not only teaches students but also empowers, supports, and advocates for them, ensuring that every child feels seen, heard, and valued