



“Always be respectful, honest, and a good role model. Give your best effort. Study! Study! Study! Plan ahead and set goals.”



Educating the young people of our time is like

pulling in a net full of fish! At first sight of a full net you are excited and thrilled! You pull and pull until the whole net is pulled onto the shore.

Ina Bouker

Dillingham, Dillingham City Schools

Teaching Philosophy: Just as my body needs a balance of nutrition, how **I educate my students to evolve as healthy learners is a balance of well-rounded teaching methods.** Just as my body is not capable to live only on air, water or food, children are not able to learn only by kinesthetic, visual, or auditory methods. If I respect my body, I will provide food that is the most nutritious and whole. If I respect my students, I will do my duty to reach them so that I can help them become lifelong learners. I believe children, no matter what, have to be respected.

How do I begin gaining the deserved respect from children? First of all, I start by beginning a relationship. To become interested in a relationship, I must show that I care. When I show that I care, the beginning of trust starts to occur. When children have trust, they begin to believe in themselves and gain self-esteem. Self-esteem allows children plenty of room to be curious and take risks. Through curiosity and risk taking, children are ready to take the responsibility of learning. **Showing respect through caring and empathizing allows me to teach students well, and this is what makes me an outstanding teacher.**

All along I give plenty of encouragement: yes, even when they make mistakes. Children learn best when they are allowed to make mistakes. I encourage even more when a student fails at one thing. This is when the student needs me the most. I remember as a first time college student, I failed my English 101 writing exam. I was devastated. I cried for days. I didn't give up, instead and took the class over again and passed it! I often tell my story to students who might face the same challenge.

I look forward to going to work each day.

I enjoy watching children gain the ability to cooperate.

I enjoy watching my students fall in love with my teaching style. I enjoy watching my students learn how to respect others. When I get to this point with children, then I could teach, and teach, and teach. **No matter what I teach, the respect that I show them first will pave the way to their world of learning. Receiving the students' earned love, trust and respect is the greatest reward I find in teaching.**



Educator Nomination Submitted by the Dillingham Future Educators of Alaska Club

University of Alaska Office of Academic Affairs
PO Box 755400 | Fairbanks, Alaska, 99775
907 450 8405 p | 907 450 8401 f | www.FutureTeachersAlaska.org