

Pitcairn Elementary



Our Beliefs
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Our Beliefs

I believe that all students can learn.

I believe in the collaboration of staff, parents and the community.

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I believe that every child should be encouraged to discover his or her own world view through guided exploration.

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I believe all children have the ability to learn. It is the role of the teacher to know each and every student in their class so that they can develop lessons and activities that meet their very different learning needs. Success is imperative to build students' self-esteem and self-confidence. An outstanding teacher creates an environment that is positive and motivating for students. A student that feels comfortable and safe is more likely to take risks in the classroom and do the things they do not normally do. Students are more likely to learn from lessons that are hands-on and interesting.

I believe a teacher's attitude about teaching influences the student's attitude toward learning. A teacher that is enthusiastic about teaching will arouse students' curiosity and interest in the material being presented. If a teacher shows students respect, they are more likely to be respected in return. The relationship a student has with their teacher plays a major part in their success in the classroom. If the teacher is positive and motivates students to work hard and take risks, the students are more likely to perform to the best of their ability. I believe praise is an important and effective reward to encourage students in the classroom.

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I believe a school is not only a support system for students, but also a support system for teachers. No two teachers are the same just like no two students are the same, making it important that teachers assist one another in any way possible.

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I believe a student's success is determined by the teacher. If a teacher works hard to create lessons that motivate the student to learn and provides opportunities for growth, the student will succeed. I believe an enthusiastic teacher can capture the attention of each of his or her students and leave them wanting to learn and explore their creativity.

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Teaching is not a job, it is a life-changing service that only dedicated and caring people can provide for children. Education is the foundation to success in the future. As a teacher, I plan to ensure it is a strong one that these students are able to build upon.

I believe that every student is capable of learning, just not always in the same way or at the same exact time. It is our job as teachers to find a way to incorporate all different types of learners in order to have success in the classroom.

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I believe that education is the foundation for success in all areas of life. Children should be provided with various experiences to enable them to learn new concepts and skills. Every student should be given the same opportunities to be guaranteed the best possible education regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, gender or socio-economic status. As a teacher, I allow my students to be able to explore ideas and information that is meaningful to them so that they can give a higher level of interest in their own learning. They can carry these skills on so that they are able to be successful in their future endeavors.

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I believe that I should help every student anyway I can, whether it's learning academically, behaviorally, or just guiding them through everyday life. I believe I should know all I can about my students so that I can help them grow in all aspects of their lives. I think that these beliefs are especially important here at Pitcairn.

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I believe that the study of music is crucial to the development of creativity. To grow, to succeed, to thrive, children need what the arts teach.

I believe that experiencing music from diverse cultures leads to a respect of all peoples. World music helps students to learn more about themselves and their classmates, to explore new ideas, and to expand their thinking.

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I believe that clear
speaking and writing
is critical to academic
success.

I believe that every child has an inert talent. Children do not know what their strong area or interest will be, so it is up to the teacher to nurture and guide the child in a variety of challenging lessons to become a productive member of society.

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I believe that learning is a life long process and that it is a process that will never end. I learn each and every day from my personal experiences, family, friends, co-workers, the news media, radio as well as everyday interactions with others...even those that are not as pleasant as they could be on the commute to and from work, but most importantly I believe that I learn from my students. I believe that learning is verbal or nonverbal. It can be auditory or kinesthetic or a combination of both. Gestures can also help us to learn and to bridge the language barriers that might be present. That is why I believe that it is very important to pay close attention to every movement that my students make. I never know what motion or comment could help find that spark to enrich his or her educational success.

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Students have lots to teach us and it is important to listen to them because that helps educators to become flexible and to also be able to “change on the fly” so to say and find those extra “teachable moments” that help to enrich and grasp our students’ interests and attention beyond the educational curriculum and state standards. A bond with a person can last forever and change lives both positively and negatively. Of course the positive changes are what we want to strive for that will help pass on good moral, educational, and social values and interactions with others.

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I believe that teaching is a process that everyone does at some point in life. Students can help teach other students as well as adults. Adults teach students and other adults. Teaching a task is something that can be seen as simple to someone, such as making a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, but could be extremely difficult to another person. Teaching is allowing yourself to open up and be willing to share life experiences as well as your own knowledge on a particular subject. However, the most difficult part is to try to teach others how to listen specifically to our individual selves.

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job. Without
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I believe that students hold the “keys to the future”.

We as educators have no idea how our interactions with children will cause them to act in the future, but we can try our best to instill in them the educational values that they will need to be successful not only today but several years down the road. Students view their lives day to day and they might not view the “big picture” for many years down the road. Sometimes I think that is the best way to live, just day-to-day because each day can change your life forever.

Eventually students will start to make connections to what we have tried to teach them throughout the years, but as students they are trying to piece everything they know together for that moment and as educators we need to remember that they are children and they still need to have social interactions as well as meaningful age appropriate activities.

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I believe that all children have untapped musical talents and abilities.

Experiencing music can only foster these talents and abilities. By providing a safe environment where students feel comfortable in participating fosters a heightened sense of how it feels to make music.

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I believe that every child has a right to a a fair and equal education, one that encompasses all of the educational domains: cognitive, affective, and psychomotor.

I believe that as a teacher, we are also students and our students can be teachers too. I believe that as a teacher we are always willing to learn and try new things. We are willing to do whatever it takes to help students to learn. As a teacher, we have to set examples in everything we do whether it be behavior or in excitement for learning. If our students see the love of learning from us, they will hopefully develop that love of learning too. I believe a teacher can be a motivating factor in a child's education.

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I think all students have the ability to learn new things. What we may be teaching them may not always be the same for everyone, however it is what is best for them. I think it is important to know each one of our students both academically and emotionally. Our students come with so much to volunteer, we as teachers have to look at those strengths and use them to help other students in the class.

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I believe if a child's not learning, then I have yet to find the right tools to teach him or her.

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I believe that all children can learn. I believe that as teachers we need to figure out what knowledge a child comes to school with and help that child grow from that point. I believe that children do not learn in the same way. I believe that the classroom needs to be a safe environment where children feel confident and secure in their successes and failures. I believe that learning takes place when a child is accountable for paying attention and focusing on the teacher. I believe that we are not miracle workers. We cannot change a child's home life of circumstances, but we can give that child 110% when we are with them.

I believe that all children can learn. I believe that all children are special and deserve as much love as we can give them. I believe that all children will surprise us if we just give them a chance. I believe that teaching a child how to learn opens up the world to him. I believe that all those who work with children should never settle for average.

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in the student,
why should
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I believe that education should be about student learning, not test scores. I believe that every child has the potential to grow and it is up to us to help them achieve that growth no matter their developmental level. I believe that for many students we are their sense of security, belonging, and love and we need to make the best of that even when we want to sit down and cry. I believe that we don't get up every morning and come to work for the paycheck; we do it because we care.

At Pitcairn Elementary,
we believe that
All Students Will Learn
because
All Teachers Care.