

Domain 2: Classroom Environment

2a Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport

When I have my own classroom I will focus on having strong relationships with my students in order to create a culture of mutual respect and understanding. I will hold myself accountable for being the best teacher I can be and ask my students to do the same. I want my students to be able to follow my directions but also enjoy coming to school every day. If I can be a role model about how to treat others kindly then hopefully the students will emulate that amongst each other. Also, having expectations and rules set up ahead of time so the students know how they are expected to act is going to be most beneficial.

2b Establishing a Culture for Learning

Hopefully the respectful culture that's been created will create an environment where the students are better able to learn and more excited to learn! When students can have trust in their teachers then they will learn better. When I take the time to get to know my students I can teach them better.

2c Managing Classroom Procedures

Students will be given roles and responsibilities that they will have to complete, which will be contributing to everyday classroom procedures like collecting homework, watering plants, etc. The students will rotate these roles every week or every other week in order to keep things fair. Students will have a steady routine that they will follow every day so they can be familiar with the behaviors expected of them.

2d Managing Student Behavior

In order to manage student behavior I plan on using a system that keeps track of every student's behavior and ranks it from most desirable to least desirable. I would also keep a chart that students can use to keep track of their feelings, which can give me more insight on why they are behaving the way they are.

2e Organizing Physical Space

I am a supporter of using flexible seating in classrooms, so I plan on having the room broken up into sections based on the type of seating (i.e. bean bag chairs, yoga balls, regular chairs and tables, etc). I also would want to have a space for students to relax or decompress, so a corner

where there are pillows, blankets and maybe even a stuffed animal or two would be included. I want to have my classroom decorated with artwork, have natural materials, and a nice library. The space would be very open so there is room to move around easily. I would also like to have lots of carpeting.