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### Final Essay

I was very excited to take this class because I knew that Professor Gallardo was going to teach it and I just enjoyed teaching his courses. All the activities we did during class helped me enjoy the class even more because it's not like the typical classroom where the teacher simply lectures and the students just sit there and take notes. I know that everything we did and talked about in this class, I will take it into consideration later when I become a teacher.

This semester we had the opportunity to have Paul Karrer come into the classroom and spent time talking about his unique story. He is from Connecticut, where he taught at an elementary school for several years. Then, he moved to California, where he taught fifth grade for 27 years at Castroville Elementary School.

He talked about some of his rules and how he chose to manage his students in the classroom. He gave students tickets for having good behavior and then they would get prizes depending on the amount of tickets they would turn in. When the students got in trouble, he would give them 3 choices: sit in the corner of the class, write an apology essay, or the student would be 'sued' with tickets, in other words, he would take away tickets from the students. He never raised his voice at his students because he believes that will only cause fear or dislike within the students towards the teacher. I totally agree with him, because raising your voice to your will not help you gain their trust in any way, therefore they will no longer enjoy being in your class. I will definitely work hard to be the type of teacher who doesn't scream or make her

students feel uncomfortable, I will find ways to reward my students for their good behavior or academic progress.

He does mention that the most important thing teachers have to do in their first year is to find a way to manage all the school work and the students effectively. That was the hardest thing for him to accomplish, in order to keep everything balanced and under control. He also mentioned how other teachers don't exactly see what/how you teach in your classroom, they only hear it through your students. This is why it's important to make sure your teaching methods are effective, if not so you can come up with other ways to help all your students keep up with all the content they need to learn. Your reputation is in your students' hands and only they can make you look like a great teacher or not. He points out that self care is very important to have a balance within our personal and professional lives. On weekends, teachers should have time for themselves and be able to take their minds off of anything related to school.

I truly enjoyed how this class wasn't like most of all the classes where the teacher simply lectures throughout the entire class. Each group was in charge of presenting the content of the chapter they were assigned to the class in a different way. To be honest, the class was never boring to me due to the amount of information I learned every day and also the way the class was taught. I wish more professors were just like Professor Gallardo, fun, respectful, creative, supportive and simply an amazing professor who creates different ways to engage his students in debatable and interesting group discussions. The most interesting thing we did in this class was definitely the interview, which wasn't new to me because I had already shared my life before in another previous course. I wasn't the only one who was nervous or scared to do it, we all had different reasons to not share certain things about ourselves and our lives. Even though I was

having second thoughts about doing the interview once again, I'm glad we all had to do this because it was a great way to truly get to know each other. We could relate to each other one way or another, which made us feel closer and be more understanding of each other. It was hard to share my life, but I know that as time goes by it will be easier to share this type of information with others. This activity definitely proves the idea that we should not judge others without personally getting to know someone. In addition, this activity helped me realize that it might not be a bad idea to take advantage of the services provided on campus, to speak and share anything that I might be going through with a professional because it will help me feel better. It's important to be less judgemental and more respectful and open minded when it comes to meeting new people, it's not okay to judge someone simply by looking at their appearance. Every person in this class had their own unique story which made this class in fact diverse.

After hearing the final speaker, I definitely have my own idea of what I want to do when I become a teacher and the type of teacher I want to be. Based on Paul's story, I will take into consideration all of the teachers I've had and how they taught, to make sure I don't make the same mistakes they made. I want to be a fun, creative, supportive and loving teacher with her students, I will find ways to teach them and make them feel special in every way. I hope my students understand that they can count on me for anything because after all teachers are basically 'parents' to their students since they are responsible for the children's education. I will also treat all of my students equally to make sure not one of them feels left out. Also, I may need to look at some youtube videos just like Ivan does, but at least it will help me become a better teacher by finding new ways to teach and fun activities to use in class. It's important to form strong relationships with the students' parents to easily communicate throughout the school year

anything regarding the students' education. After working with children who had problems with English, I will definitely do everything I can to make sure those students get the support and help they need to avoid falling behind in class. Every school should provide tutors for these students to help them succeed in school just like any other student.

One of the best advice he gave was to make meaningful connections with others and to pair up with a veteran teacher. They will be able to guide us or help us in anything related to our education and our road to becoming future teachers. Having connections with various people can help you find more job opportunities. It's very important to get as much help as we can from current or former teachers because their advice can definitely help shape us into great future teachers. He continued to say that in some cases, we the teachers can be 'the light of their(students) life'(or not). Teachers are responsible for gaining their students' trust in order to have good communication, and sometimes the student will trust you enough to talk to you about personal issues he/she may be going through. Teachers may be able to help them if possible.

In conclusion, I will keep every little thing I learned in this class and take into consideration as I continue my road to becoming a great teacher. I will gladly welcome any advice and help I can get from teachers, friends, advisors, etc as long as I keep working hard to reach my goal of becoming the best teacher that I can possibly be. Once I become a teacher, I will make sure I'm not only making a positive impact on my students' education, but also in the educational system.