What have you learned about yourself as a teacher?

Through the experiences I have had in the classroom I have come to learn a lot about myself as a teacher. I have learned that I expect a lot from my students. I believe in my students and know that they can accomplish anything as long as they set their mind to it; that is why I set the bar high for each student I work with. I have a very positive outlook for my students. I show them that they each are capable of achieving great things in life and that they have the ability to do it.

I have also learned that I love children. I often tell myself that I couldn’t have picked a better major because I love what I do! I love knowing that I have the ability to make a difference in a student’s life and the ability to help them learn and grow in knowledge. I have learned that I have a great deal of patience. Patience is a very important thing for a teacher to have especially a teacher who works with elementary level students. I remember specifically helping a student with his math work. Over and over again I would explain to him how to arrive to the answer. Finally, with patience, he figured out the solution. At that moment I couldn’t have been more proud; with patience and a little help the boy was able to complete the problem that I knew he was capable of doing.

One last thing I have learned about myself as a teacher is that I genuinely care about each and every one of my students. My senior year of high school I had the opportunity to intern for a first grade class for a whole semester. After the semester I had developed a relationship with each and every one of the students in that first grade class. I got to know each of them on a personal level and helped them with subjects that they struggled in. I enjoyed watching them grow throughout the semester, expanding their knowledge and discovering new things.
Overall I have learned a lot about myself as a teacher in the past three years. I have learned that I’m patient, I love children, and that I genuinely care about each and every one of my students. I know that as I grow as a teacher I will discover many more things about myself that I never noticed. I am very excited for my teaching career and cannot wait to impact many young students’ lives in a positive way!