The most important aspect of education for me has been enthusiasm. Nothing facilitates learning like excitement. When a teacher is full of energy, and presents the material with genuine interest, learning becomes fun. This still is the most important piece of the educational puzzle. Personality draws students into the classroom. Energy and excitement grab students’ attention, and after that, learning becomes much easier and much more fun for the students.

Another important aspect of education is creativity. Anyone can read from a textbook and assign problems from a work manual. I was always more likely to learn when the styles of teaching were different or the lesson was creatively presented, so I believe that it is an important part of my philosophy of education.

Another key to learning for me has been comfort. A fun atmosphere where ideas and opinions are welcomed opens kids up to learn. When students have the chance to provide input into what the classroom should look like, it makes them feel like they are a part of a family, which is another important key to reaching students. Comfort and a feeling of belonging seem to promote a rich environment for learning.