Every student has the capacity or potential to learn, but there exists no single approach to successfully relay information to each and every student. The responsibility of a teacher is to find the individual learning styles with which students are most productive and implement them. Equally important is the student’s desire to learn. A teacher must be able to motivate his or her students to learn. Proper motivation of the student will increase the student’s desire to learn, thus creating a greater possibility for success and achievement. A teacher must realize that although each student has individualized needs, all students should be treated with fairness. He or she must continually challenge and encourage a student, instilling confidence, which allows learning to thrive.

Teachers should supply their students with rules, boundaries, a safe environment, and an example of a positive role model to follow. They should respect their students, and must be able to teach the students self-respect by showing them that they are valuable and worthy of praise. In doing this, a teacher enables students to develop a positive self-concept, and this shows in their efforts and achievements in school work as well as their attitudes towards other people. A teacher must also present all cultures in a positive way to help students better understand themselves and the world around them. He or she must value and respect the feelings and opinions of all students. When the students learn to respect themselves and each other they will then learn to respect their world and take care of it.

Taking time to read to students every day is another significant responsibility of a teacher. This is important for the students who have never been read to, as well as the avid readers, because they can all benefit from it.

There is a strong correlation between a positive attitude toward learning and someone who loves to learn. A teacher should not only work to create a positive attitude, but should also pay close attention to the different capabilities of the students, and do whatever it takes to bring the struggling student to a point where they too can find a place for learning in their lives.

Another responsibility of a teacher is being open to learning new ideas. A teacher must actively pursue professional development. He or she must be willing to continually develop skills which will help to accommodate the needs of all students. In addition to this, a teacher must remember that he or she can learn from other teachers as well as from his or her own students. A teacher should understand that learning never stops.

A teacher is one of the most influential people a child will every come in contact with in their lifetime. For this reason, as teachers, we must take full advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in someone’s life. A teacher’s ultimate goal is to create a learned, compassionate, and caring individual who is ready to carry out their role in the world.