

How Do You Want to Be Remembered?

The core of who I am

If you died tomorrow, what would you like to be remembered for?

What would be said about you by the following people?

By the children you taught:

By the parents:

By your co-workers:

The idea of this exercise came from Stephen R. Covey's book "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People." The first sheet "How Do You Want to Be Remembered?" was an exercise I did first with the staff. This helped them to do some deep searching within, while visualizing how they want to be remembered by others. I did not collect those sheets, but gave them time to write during staff meeting. This exercise helps lay the foundation to determine what is important to them and what are their core values and goals.

Next, the staff and I had a discussion about mission statements and its purpose. I gave them a week to complete the personal mission statement and turn it in.

This exercise gives a director a more authentic understanding of each teacher's view of self and goals. This will enable the director to use this mission statement as a tool for evaluations. Based on the mission statement, we can mentor each teacher to set short and long term goals, and change their personal mission statement as they grow.

Personal Mission Statements

I am committed to continuing to create a safe, caring, and supportive environment for the children at our center while providing the most positive environment to help all the children who attend our school to develop into intellectually and emotionally sound children with a great sense of morality and self-esteem. My personal goal is to continue to dedicate my time and effort into pursuing the goals and beliefs set by myself and our school while continuing to be worthy of the trust and respect given to me by my coworkers, my family, and the children of our school.

My goal to be a better teacher is to always follow policy. I catch myself many times forgetting or having to remind myself what it is. I want to be a caring, understanding, and loving teacher. Realizing being a teacher is not about the money, the friends I make, or the problems I face doesn't come first. It is the children who should have full priority in everything I do as a teacher. I want to grow to be more and more selfless and focus on more about what is best for the children. I have to realize parents are still people, in a sense that I really have to empathize to understand thoroughly what they go through as parents. As for my coworkers, I intend fully on treating them with respect and always be on the lookout for them. Being a teacher isn't just a job, it's a character builder and I fully believe I have to try my best everyday and to put these children and Christ first.

I am a teacher who loves to be with children and help them to learn and grow. Some children need all our love, understanding, guides, and they need us to be there for them. For the parents they need us to take good care of their little children and to also be understanding of each parents needs. For our coworkers we need to be a team, help each other, understand that we all have an important job of teaching, and take good care of each child's needs. Also, knowing that God is with me as I make my choices through life.

My mission to provide a safe, loving and nurturing environment for young children to learn a love of Christ, develop social, emotional, cognitive, physical, and creative skills. To work as a team with parents and other staff to help each child develop with confidence and a positive self-esteem. To teach the children to work both individually and as a team to make decisions and solve problems that will help them in their everyday lives. To provide children with many opportunities to learn about Jesus and the world God gave us so that they can trust Him and know that He loves them and always will love them.

To do my honest part in whatever I do. To respect each student or parent that seeks my services each day. To always be in the team spirit with my coworkers. To mentor each child mentally, physically, and spiritually. To acknowledge the beliefs and values of Children's Discovery Center.

A loving role model for the kids and my coworkers. Actively engage in all I do, have no "zone out" moments. I want my kind heart to rule all my desires, especially frustration. As a member of the team at Children's Discovery Center my priority is kindness in words and actions. When I am with the kids, they and their parents, as well as my coworkers should view me as a loving role model who sees the children's needs as number one.

I do, there are so many things to have set goals for, but this mission statement focuses on the heart, and out of the heart comes everything else. The curriculum, games, stories, etc.

My mission is to be a teacher that reflects a positive energy and excitement for what I do. I can make learning and growing fun for my students and give them a feeling of success. I will make my class clean and bright, so parents will see that they are leaving their children in a good environment. I prefer to work with creativity and hard work with coworkers to make our team and school thrive. Overall, I want my smile to up-lift the spirits of everyone at the school.

I'm striving to be the child, wife, mother, sister, aunt, friend, teacher, and neighbor that God wants me to be. In doing so I know with God's help and my coworkers we can have, and continue to have (like we do now), the best pre-school. Making sure we are always on the same page and working as a team. Loving, teaching, and protecting the children at all times. Letting the parents and children see and experience that Christ lives within our hearts, minds, and souls. Children should be seen and heard, loved and hugged, protected, encouraged, respected, and not hurt. Continue to pray for the success of my mission. Will continue to strive to be better, with God's help.