

Presentation Notes for What a Wonderful Teacher You Will Be!

Slide 1

Positive Characteristics of a Classroom Teacher



Let's look at some positive characteristics for a classroom teacher - see if you identified the same characteristics. As we look at these characteristics keep in mind that you may have identified a characteristic but given it a different term.

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Favorite Teacher

Recall a favorite teacher.

- What qualities did this teacher possess that caused him/her to be a favorite?
- Which of the qualities to you have?



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Have student-interns to respond on paper to the prompt.

Discuss:

Are favorite teacher generally effective teachers?

Did you have a teacher that you liked but you did not feel like you learned much?

How do teachers balance effective teaching and having an enjoyable class? Note – it

Are you more likely to learn when you are also engaged and enjoying the class?

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**Positive Characteristics for a
Classroom Teacher**

✓ Accuracy	✓ Kindness
✓ Alertness	✓ Loyalty
✓ Courtesy	✓ Patience
✓ Empathy	✓ Responsibility
✓ Flexibility	✓ Stability
✓ Friendliness	✓ Tactfulness
✓ Honesty	✓ Tolerance
✓ Initiative	

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While this slide is viewed, have student-interns read the list to themselves and compare/contrast with the list they wrote for their favorite teacher.

Questions

- Why are positive personal characteristics important for a teacher?
- What would a classroom be like if the teacher had poor or negative personal characteristics?
- How can positive characteristics be developed and cultivated in future teachers?

Note:

Other discussion consideration: Are some qualities more important to some grade levels or subjects than others?

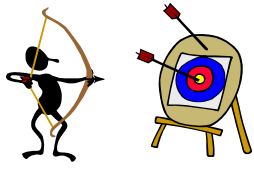
Are there characteristics that should be added to this list?

(The teacher may have student-interns to work alone or with a partner or group and put characteristics in priority order and justify decision).

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Accuracy

The ability to be careful and to consistently avoid mistakes



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Alertness

The ability to understand instructions and meet changing conditions



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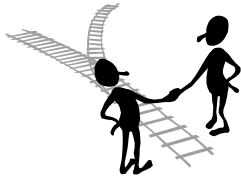
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Courtesy

The ability to be polite and considerate and to cooperate with others



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Empathy

**The ability to be aware of
and understand another's
feelings**



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Flexibility

The ability to adjust to meet new needs or changing situations



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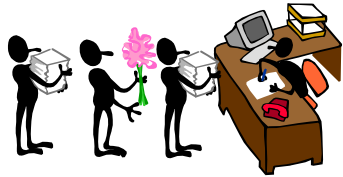
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Friendliness

The ability to display a warm and outgoing attitude toward others



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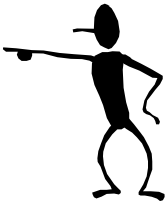
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Honesty

**The ability to show fairness
and straightforwardness in
conduct**



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Initiative

**The ability to be a self-starter
rather than waiting to be told
what to do**



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Kindness

The ability to give respect and consideration to others



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Loyalty

**The ability to display faith
and confidence in another
person**



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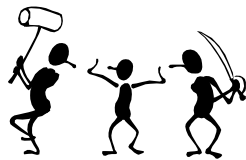
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Patience

The ability to bear provocation, annoyance, misfortune, and disagreement without complaint, loss of temper, or irritation



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Responsibility

The ability to accept obligations, to answer for one's conduct and actions, and to deserve the trust or confidence of others



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Stability

The ability to understand pressure and remain calm during crises



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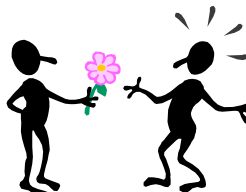
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Tactfulness

**The ability to do and say the
right thing at the right time**



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Tolerance

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Positive Characteristics = Positive Effects

Directions: Fold your paper into three equal columns. On the left column, list three of the positive characteristics we have considered in class (or three that you have identified). In the middle column explain its effect the student. In the right column explain its effect on classroom learning.

Characteristic	Effect on the Student	Effect on Classroom Learning
1.		
2.		
3.		

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Note: The teacher may want to print this frame in the slide format to use as a graphic organizer and let student-interns “draw” for characteristics. Another option is to have each student complete this exercise in “strips” and put them all together to make a paper chain to indicate that the qualities relate together.

Key Questions

- Why are positive personal characteristics important for a teacher?
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