

Chapter 1: Getting Started

Multiple Choice Questions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. One of the fundamentals of teaching is to:

- a) find a position that will give you job security.
- b) help families become assimilated into American culture.
- c) engage in reflective teaching.
- d) reaffirm your own values and beliefs.

2. Effective early childhood teachers:

- a) love to play with children.
- b) know and practice child development theory.
- c) can play several musical instruments
- d) help preschoolers learn to read.

3. What is the purpose of reflective teaching?

- a) It helps you find personal meaning in what you do.
- b) It helps you focus on how you treat children.
- c) It reinforces your methods of teaching
- d) It is required by state standards.

4. One role of a teacher is to:

- a) keep parents out of the classroom.
- b) make sure all children are happy.
- c) find time for breaks.

d) set the emotional tone in the classroom.

5. Which of the following best answers the statement beginning, “Teaching....”?

a) ends when the children go home.

b) tends to be a lonely profession.

c) means life-long learning.

d) is easy for those who like to plan curriculum.

6. Which of the following is one of the roles of a student teacher?

a) Help plan parent conferences

b) Have previous early childhood experience

c) Accept and reflect on feedback

d) Play with the children

7. My beliefs about young children include:

a) they need to be shaped and molded by teachers.

b) they learn best when sitting and listening

c) they have a lot to learn from me.

d) that I have a lot to learn from them.

8. Student teachers do **NOT**:

a) plan curriculum.

b) conduct parent conferences.

c) discipline children.

d) play with children.

9. As a student teacher, you are:

a) an apprentice.

- b) on your own.
 - c) not a member of the staff.
 - d) often in charge.
10. The experienced teachers you work with as a student teacher should:
- a) make you do all the clean up.
 - b) help you meet your goals.
 - c) require you to attend all meetings.
 - d) match your own personality traits.

Essay Questions

1. Are your initial reasons for becoming a teacher still valid after your student teaching experience or have they changed? Give examples.
2. What are the three most important things to remember as you begin to student teach?