

**CAREER
PATHS**

KINDERGARTEN Teacher

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14 Traits of the Kindergarten Teacher



communicative



organized



caring



patient

HES Hansten Elementary School Newsletter

Happy September!

We are excited to introduce Amanda Perez. Ms. Perez is our new kindergarten teacher. She joins our school from California. She taught kindergarten there for five years. Past students called her **kind**, **caring** and **understanding**. Parents appreciated how organized and **communicative** she was. Ms. Perez is a very welcome addition. She specializes in **innovative** and **creative** teaching approaches. We asked her to say a few words. "I am **passionate** about teaching. I try to be **patient** and **flexible**. Your child's success is my priority. I look forward to meeting you all." – Amanda Perez.

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - 1 What personality traits do kindergarten teachers need to have?
 - 2 How do certain personality traits help kindergarten teachers with their jobs?

Reading

- 2 Read the school newsletter. Then, mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).
 - 1 Ms. Perez has taught kindergarten before.
 - 2 Parents viewed her as kind and understanding.
 - 3 Ms. Perez uses new and creative teaching methods.

Vocabulary

- 3 Fill in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank.

word BANK

communicative flexible innovative
organized understanding

- 1 The teacher was _____ and regularly talked with parents.
- 2 Desks should be well _____, with everything in its proper place.
- 3 Children must be picked up at noon. This is not _____.
- 4 The teacher was _____ when the child missed school due to illness.
- 5 That _____ teaching technique is new and different.

4 Read the sentences and choose the correct words.

- 1 The teacher was **flexible/kind** and welcomed new students warmly.
- 2 The students performed **creative/understanding** activities like arts and crafts.
- 3 The teacher was **organized/patient** as he explained the rules a third time.
- 4 Kindergarten is a **innovative/caring** place, where children's feelings are a priority.
- 5 Mrs. Jenson loved teaching and was **communicative/passionate** about her job.

5 Listen and read the school newsletter again. How does Ms. Perez feel about teaching?

Listening

6 Listen to a conversation between an interviewer and a teacher. Check (✓) the traits that the man mentions.

- 1 Patient
- 2 Passionate
- 3 Communicative
- 4 Caring
- 5 Organized

7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Interviewer: You appear 1 _____ for this position. You have plenty of experience.

Teacher: Thank you. I'm really excited about this opportunity.

Interviewer: There are certain traits that 2 _____ at this school.

Teacher: Of course.

Interviewer: 3 _____ a passionate, caring and communicative individual.

Teacher: I definitely try to embody those traits. I also 4 _____ patient and organized.

Interviewer: That's good to hear. 5 _____ are you regarding start dates?

Teacher: I'm very flexible. 6 _____ to start work immediately.

Speaking

8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

You appear ...

I'm really excited about ...

There are certain traits ...

Student A: You are an interviewer. Talk to Student B about:

- the position
- desired traits
- flexibility regarding start dates

Student B: You are a teacher. Talk to Student A about your personality traits.

Writing

9 Use the school newsletter and conversation from Task 8 to complete a report card describing a student's traits.

Report Card

Name: _____

Academic Traits: _____

Social Traits: _____

