

Dance to me is so much more than being able to experience it for myself; it's about being able to share it with others. Being a teacher takes a lot of patience. While I am teaching, I need to get on the students level. Recently, I learned that teaching isn't just about making them into perfect little dancers but instilling qualities that will help them in their everyday lives, whether or not they continue to pursue dance. Being a teacher is about impacting these younger dancers' lives and helping them become the best that they can be. The challenges we face in class will be in some way, shape or form what we will face in our lives outside of dance. As a dance teacher, I should be loving, kind, gentle, understanding, honest, slow to anger, and willing to be there for them in and outside of the classroom. My dance teachers always wanted the best for me. Their style of teaching was from the heart. Yes, I learned technique, followed the rules, and was given corrections, but what I was taught came from a caring heart. I want to convey this to my students. I am not just teaching them dance steps, but training them to be the best dancer they can be. I am building relationships and encouraging them to follow their dreams.