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Lesson 1.2C Reflection

Inclusive Teaching in Action

Inclusive teaching is an approach aimed at creating an equitable learning environment where all students, regardless of background, identity, or abilities, have equal opportunities to succeed. Key features of inclusive teaching include fostering a sense of belonging, ensuring psychological safety, encouraging participation, and combating biases.

To implement inclusive teaching, I need to create a safe learning environment for my students. I will ensure all my students feel comfortable expressing themselves without fear of being laughed at or punishment. I will diversify learning materials to include diverse perspectives, backgrounds, and experiences. This also depends on what my classroom looks like each year, as all children are different.

I will address students' needs by modifying my teaching methods to accommodate students' individual needs, such as providing alternative formats for learning. I will encourage participation amongst my students. This one I know can be hard, as I have a child who is very shy when it comes to speaking in groups. I will use tools and strategies that make it easier for all students to engage. It will be important to develop rapport with students. Building relationships to better understand and support students will help reduce bias and build trust.

The benefits of inclusive teaching include improved student self-confidence, increased participation, higher engagement levels, better comprehension, and more positive attitudes toward education. By addressing diverse needs and removing barriers, inclusive teaching helps students feel valued, leading to a more supportive and effective learning experience.