**A good teacher, what is he/she like?**

*“The art of teaching is the art of assisting discovery”.*

*(Mark van Doren)*

Every year on September 1-st schools open their doors for thousands of children. Children learn reading, writing, solving mathematical tasks. They get knowledge on natural science and learn about how it comes that our world is arranged the way it is. Students look back through the centuries and touch to history – they are taught about their identity, their culture. They study languages and learn to understand other nations and other cultures. But getting knowledge and learning about the facts children grow and develop their personalities. They learn to understand each other and to deal with different situations. They learn to communicate, to make decisions, to help. And on this difficult path of education children are led by teachers.

It needs no description that the teacher is the pivot of any educational system of the younger students. Being a teacher is a great responsibility. The worth and potentialities of a country get evaluated in and through the work of the teacher. A good teacher – what’s he/she like?

It’s needless to say that a teacher must be professional and have deep knowledge on the subject. He must possess a talent to explain the things, to analyze the facts and to prove the statements. A good teacher must be a master of his subject. It’s a very right idea that “the average teacher explains complexity but the gifted teacher reveals simplicity”. One of my teachers said:”I can speak about real understanding of the subject when I am able to explain theoretical physics to my 5 years old son”.

A good teacher must possess leadership qualities, should do whatever he says, to enable the students to follow him. He must have great confidence and strong will power to obtain the best results from his students. He must inspire his students and never let them settle for anything less than their best. A great teacher emphasizes the "why" and "how" of the answers instead of just the "what". Patience, faith and consistency are the main characteristics of a teacher. He must be compassionate, caring and able to make a personal connection with every student, to see the world with his students’ eyes. The key for becoming a great teacher is realizing that every student is actually unique and all students have their own perspective of the world. I agree with the statement that a good teacher explains the facts but a great teacher shares ideas, knowledge, wisdom and understanding with all people.

Life is going on. But whatever happens we will never forget our teachers – those who have made us how we are.