Statement of purpose

Studies have shown that young children learn new languages faster than adult learners. The younger kids are, the better they master the second language. According to Tellier (2008), the young learners are able to memorize words in foreign language and they have strong memory. This is why educational programs start to offer language class for young children. English is the most popular second language in Saudi Arabia. More and more parents send their children to learn English after school. The national educational policy of Saudi Arabia requires children to start learning English at school from fourth grade. The goal is to make sure the students of Saudi Arabia have ideal English ability so that they can have career options in the future.

Even though people know the importance of young children learning English, few people take it seriously in Saudi Arabia. This problem is reflected in the fact that English class for young children is very boring. The class mostly includes the teacher giving lectures to students. Students use standard text books to learn vocabulary. The teaching methods do not have creativity. Although most Saudi Arabian elementary school classroom has technological equipment, teachers do not use it for teaching English. This is highly problematic because young students like fun activities. According to Rule and Montgomery (2011), students who draw ideas by themselves are able to keep all information longer than students who just listen to lectures or read text books. Games, for example, give students opportunity to think and memorize information they learned. The games are fun, interesting, and interactive, so using games to teach students can help students to remember information longer. If teacher in Saudi Arabia are willing to try different educational activities, they can make students become more interested in learning the second language.

My goal of this project is to create an English class that can effectively attract attention from the young students. I hope students enjoy the class and always want to learn more about the language. This class should set good foundation for the children English ability. They will grow to like the language and develop the ability to read, speak, listen, and write in English.

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