Personal Classroom Management

1) Go to the following site and follow the directions to discover your "Teacher Personality." Give your opinion concerning the resulting analysis. Do you agree with it? Disagree? Something that surprised you?

http://712educators.about.com/library/quizzes/blteacher_personality.htm

I definitely agree and am extremely happy with this personality type! This is the kind of teacher I want to be when I have my own classroom. I think this can help me when it comes to working with students and also the parents in creating relationships with them. I do know, however, that I need to be careful to make my teacher responsibilities more important than a "friendship" with my students. I am the authoritative figure in the classroom and that has to be maintained or my classroom management will be out the window.

2) Read the information on the following Internet site regarding a teacher's recommendations about effective classroom management. What is your opinion about the advice on this site? Again, reference the site in your response.

http://www.geom.uiuc.edu/~dwiggins/plan.html

I found the information on the website very interesting and insightful. I agree with him about the setting the standards and having an equal agreement between the teacher and student on the first day of school. I think it is important to have the classroom foundation, and then go from there. If you build that kind of relationship first, where you are the authority and the students know respect is expected, then it is easy to create a very welcoming environment. A welcoming environment is also something I find very important. It goes back to being intentionally inviting. This is the kind of teacher I plan on being, inviting for both the students and parents.