“PLANTING A FLOWER.”

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“Educating the child is like a grooming a flower... you water them everyday until one day, it blooms.”

Motivation is a vital part in the educative process. It has even become more challenging as there are many factors that rob the attention of the pupils. Gadgets have become distractions to them. They allot more time to them more than their studies. Truly, motivating pupils is a task for a teacher to do efficiently. The question is… how?

Actually, there have been articles discussing the ways to motivate the pupils. However, there is one thing that stands out- motivation is stirring pupils’ emotion. It starts within. If the pupils feel good towards learning and they get involved, there is a higher chance of learning.

In Japan, children receive prizes in exchange of good things they did. That is extrinsic motivation. They acquire motivations from the gifts and presents they acquire. These prizes motivate them to do better in school so next time, they will receive rewards again. In Philippines, we also use this method. In addition, we also use praises like “Very good”, “Great” etc. Some teachers even maximize the use of stamps that bear positive words like “Great, Excellent, Very Good, etc.”

In Thailand, they use the values and moral to motivate the pupils. For them, to attain good morale, you need to study well to be a morally upright person. This is also one of the reasons why they have high regards for their teachers. They are motivated to learn and look up to their teachers to be morally upright individuals.

Motivation, whether intrinsic or extrinsic really matters to a learner. We need to let them feel motivated in the things they do. If they feel it from within them, then the task would be easier. They, themselves, will find delight in learning. They don’t need to be yelled by their parents just to come to school. They don’t need to be pulled inside the classroom by their parents just to be present. If they feel motivated, they don’t be forced to study.
There has been a viral video online that showed how an elementary teacher motivated her pupils to her class. She asked them to choose whether she’ll give them high-five, a fist-bump or even a hug. As a result, her pupils are more determined to come to class.

Motivation that comes from within requires great patience. We may not see the fruits of our labor at first. But someday, we will. It’s like a planting a flower, diligently watering it, until one day, the flowers will begin to bloom.

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