ACTIVITY-BASED APPROACH IN ONLINE TEACHING

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It is a given fact that the youth of today will be the leader of tomorrow. However, with the enormous challenge in the educational system of our country, nowadays, these youth might face a bleak future if the COVID-19 Pandemic continues to bring havoc to our country. The public and private schools will be affected because of the DepEd order of no face to face classes. The enrolment will be greatly affected and many of our children are not 100% enrolled this school year.

In spite of the present situation, teachers must see to it that the learners are being prepared to achieve their goals so that someday, they shall be qualified to be a potential leaders, ready to face challenges and problems, be a good communicator, skillful in carrying knowledge learned and experiences acquired and most of all they must be critical thinkers.

There are varied approaches, strategies or techniques in preparing our learners to achieve academic success. Creative teaching must be a continuous process for teachers while the students should be critical thinkers.

In these times of learning or virtual classroom how could a teacher apply Activity-Based Approach? First of all, teachers should always provide activities which will stimulate the learners’ senses which will paved the way for learners who are critical thinkers. Previously, teachers belong to traditional type of teaching using the chalk and board, question and answers and lecture-discussions.

Very recently, teachers take a rest from the usual traditional chalk-board strategy, they used the activity-based approach in engaging his or her students to what he or she
is teaching. He or she adapts this approach to give more emphasis on his or her approach in explaining her lesson by using activities or tasks that will eventually revert to effective and efficient learning experiences for the learners. In this approach, the children are actively engaged in class interactions. They are assigned to be involved in an specific task using all their senses.

Activity based approach is a big factor in motivating students to be engaged in their activities to be done focusing more attention to what is to be accomplished. This strategy makes students remember more what they have discussed. In this strategy when used in online teaching the teacher, although teaching in a virtual classroom must utilize, objects which are authentic, that are previously assigned to the students.

Being in a virtual classroom, using activity-based approach, the learners eventually may learn how to be responsible for their own learning.

Using activity-based approach in an online class can be applied to projects, learners may acquire additional information and they are free to create their own learning environment.

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