ASKING THE RIGHT QUESTIONS FOSTER THE HABIT OF LEARNING

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Most of the time, one of the commonly used motivation in the classroom to start the lesson is through raising a question. By tapping to the inquisitive minds of the students, the teacher is able to hook the interest of the learners and make them look forward to the succeeding discussion.

But what happens is that after the spring board question is asked and the students are able to give the correct answer, it stops there and the teacher now continues talking and talking for the whole period. This should not be the case.

By asking the right questions, the teacher shows the students that they could get the answers if they know how to organize and look for the answers themselves. Gone are the days that the teachers would tell everything in the class and just let the class listen until they drop to sleep. Students now a days are very much curious and adventurous. The teacher must take this aspect of the youth and use it to his/her advantage in delivering quality education.

A teacher may often asked questions and rephrase them so that the right answers are solicited, the learners see it as a means of guiding them towards the solution to problems. This will be more like an adventure for them. The teacher will give questions that will serve as clue and the students will think of answers more like hunting for gold. The teacher is the treasure map and the students are the adventurers.

But giving questions must be well thought off. It’s not just simply asking what is the value of x, or who are the characters in the story or where did Lapu-lapu fought the invaders?
The questions must have depth. The questions must be thought provoking and the questions must have relevance. Remember, if the students are not able to see the relevance of the question to what they are experiencing in real life, chances are the teacher’s efforts will all be futile.

Furthermore, if the teacher creates the habit of asking questions, then the students will pick up the habit and execute it for themselves. They will come to understand that not all answers can come from the teacher but they themselves can be sources of answers as well. By forming the habit of asking questions, the teacher empowers the students to find the answers for their own sets of questions. And this habit can be transferred in their lives outside the classrooms. If students learn how to deal with questions then they will also be able to deal with life problems that come their way.

So teachers, create the habit of asking questions. In this way you are training the students to become prepared not only for class but for the greater lessons in life they will encounter outside the school.

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