ATTENTION SEEKER

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Interestingly, animal researchers had found that cats don't meow to communicate with each other but as a method to get attention from humans. And this also applies to both students and teachers.

Just like cats that meow, teachers screech inside the class to call the attention of the students especially the inattentive ones. They are also on their high pitch when they express anger and disappointment over misbehaved and problematic students. They also raise their voice so that all students especially those who are sitting at the back are able to hear what the teacher discusses. Such that, they elevate their vocal prowess to display happiness, excitement and admiration for a job well done.

On the other hand, students who are always on their high pitch are considered noisy and undisciplined ones. Most often than not, they always make the teacher angry because they seldom shut their mouth and be silent.

But come to think of it. Is it not that students, like cats, just want to be noticed and they exhibit it for being noisy? That they are just only aiming to feel part of the class and community? Millington (2014) stated that a person who feels a strong sense of community has a strong connection with the group and has the tendency to avoid negative behaviours. And part of the process of having felt accepted is the idea that someone listens. And in this sense, teacher must learn to listen to their students without any prejudice.
Teacher must not judge noisy students as students who only seek attention and students who want to make them angry. Teacher must give students the benefit of the doubt and be open to the reason and possibility that students become noisy because they need genuine attention and need someone who sincerely listens. And in this case, students perceived their teachers as the best persons to do so.

Indeed, I just hope that unlike cats, students will no longer meow just to get notice but meow to communicate and spread positivity, happiness and love inside the classroom. As the famous television tagline says: JUST LOVE! After all teaching is all about love.

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