CLASSROOM: MELTING POT OF VARIED INTELLIGENCE

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The classroom is a dynamic place where young individuals with diverse abilities and personalities meet. To add, these eager learners come from different backgrounds. How does a teacher make these learners come to a specific meeting point where each talent is developed and enhanced?

A teacher needs effective instructional strategies to help meet the needs of these students’ individual needs. The teacher needs to be creative and innovative in delivering quality learning. While one strategy will not work well for a learner because one size does not fit all, variation in techniques can spell a difference.

There is a wide range of effective teaching strategies that a teacher can utilize. One that works well is visualization. This strategy is done by bringing classroom lessons into visual and practical learning experiences. Display photos, videos, and auditory clips in a corner where students can enjoy them. Conduct classroom experiments where students can freely investigate on concepts and things. Take the students out to local field trips and allow them to have a practical application of the lessons to real life situations.

Small groups and whole class activities are also interesting to many students. This encourages students of mixed abilities to blend in and work together. Their cooperation is enhanced and their critical and communication skills are also practiced. These skills are vital in life. Some examples of activities the students can do as a group are solving mathematical puzzles together, creating musical or drama presentations, doing scientific experiments, and conceptualizing student-centered enhancement programs.
Incorporate technology in the lessons. These learners belong to the internet technology era and what they enjoy the most are gadgets, computers, the internet, social media, and all the other platforms connected with modern technology. Utilize internet-based educational programs to the lessons and allow students to create projects using their mobile devices and provide opportunities for them to share their finished products.

There are still lots of instructional strategies that teachers can use to motivate and empower young learners of today. Consistent improvement of teachers’ abilities is a must to cope up with the changing and increasing needs of these young learners. This can ensure that education is truly delivered in the most effective means to even the most diverse learners.

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