CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT FOR BEGINNING TEACHERS

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Two vital concerns of a teacher are classroom management and discipline. On the first day of the school year most of the students assess their teacher and find out if they are the ones that can be classified as authoritative or submissive or better yet a facilitator or a delegator. As a teacher, start off the year with tighter classroom management and discipline techniques so you won’t give students a precedent that you may allow disruptions in your class. Another important reminder for teachers is that you must never play favorites. Even in the pre-elementary or elementary levels, students know if you are fair or bias.

You must also deal with disruptions with little interruptions as possible. Teachers must also avoid confrontation in front of the class. It is best to avoid disciplinary issues in front of the class. The student may be humiliated or the student may be forced to also say unpleasant things to the teachers. Remember also the difference between good humor and harmful sarcasm. The students must feel that you are expecting a lot from them and not by intimidation. A teacher must be consistent inside and outside the classroom. There must also few and simple rules to be followed by the students. But be sure that these rules are understandable.

Lastly, start your day with open-mindedness and positive outlook. If only all teachers will follow all these classroom management tips, then students and teachers will have good interactions.

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