CLASSROOM: MIRROR OF TEACHERS

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People can tell what kind of a friend you are depending on the friends whom you are with.

For teachers…your classroom will tell what kind of teacher you are. Classroom serves as a mirror for teachers…in what aspects?

From what teachers have learned during their college years from professors, and from what they have heard from their superiors now that they are actually teachers…”make your classrooms conducive to learning.”

Truly, classrooms have great impact in the teaching-learning process.

Making classrooms conducive to learning by having bulletin boards with different art-crafts; making it clean and safe for pupils; having modern audio-visual gadgets; and making it well-ventilated is not enough to classify it as a class-A classroom for teaching-learning process and to justify that the teacher who owns it is the best teacher.

It is said that the classroom is the second home for pupils… so make it homey and a welcoming place for every pupil. The physical characteristics of the classroom create behavioral responses to learners. Provide the classrooms with books that would catch the pupils’ interests. There should be fun board games like snake and ladders; brain-exerciser board like scrabbles and chess; pick-up games, jigsaw puzzles, educational comics; and others so that pupils will spend their free time in the classroom instead of playing and running outside, making them sweat, in which will make them smell stingy during class hours. Spending time inside the classrooms during pupils’ break time make them safe.
from harm brought by playing. Safeness, orderliness and freeness from distraction should be maintained.

Classroom must show encouragement to pupils needs in order for them to be happy and willing to attend classes. It should be inviting to its pupils. Decorate it with items that would bring-out a good disposition to the pupils... including the teachers. Always remember that it should also bring-out the best disposition to the teachers. The best decoration a classroom should have is the teacher. The teacher must be homey and welcoming to every child.

If the teacher has a classroom like this, his or her reflection is enlightened with the true essence of real teacher.

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