COLLABORATIVE LEARNING AND ITS DISTINCT ADVANTAGES

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Gone are the days that the students learn directly from the teacher. This is the period of education where students face each other to discuss and share ideas together through collaboration.

Collaborative learning develops the social skill of the child. Mingling with fellow pupils during collaborative time helps in attaining social skills. Talking to peers is instrumental in accomplishing the class activities.

Collaborative learning allows the child to learn from peers or classmates. Upon listening to classmates in the class, the child absorbs brilliant ideas that are contributory to learning. The child is also affected and influenced by the inspiring messages of peers.

Collaborative learning builds trust. Working together in a group enables one to build trust towards a peer. Since they share ideas together and they work for a common purpose then trust is unconsciously created.

Collaborative learning develops confidence. Having the support of the group helps them develop confidence. Knowing that your peers around you are supportive makes you feel that you are elevated and you are being affirmed.

Collaborative learning encourages the pupils to indulge in learning. If a child sees that his or her group mates are actively participating in the group then to engage in the process of learning is greatly encouraged.
Collaborative learning produces better group outputs. Through participating actively and dynamically in collaborative group contributes to better outputs. Once the ideas that each member is combined with the others, then the output is at best.

Collaborative learning develops teamwork. This is very evident most especially in the collaborative group with very participative members. The pupils work for the common goal thus teamwork and better outcome is produced.

The concept in collaborative learning supports what Helen Keller mentioned, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Indeed Henry Ford said, "If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Learning is more fun and easy through collaborative learning. The pupils may precisely appreciate education if they are encouraged to put ideas together in attaining a better output. Thus, educational outcome is improved.

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