CONFIDENCE: A MUST HAVE FOR EVERY STUDENT

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As a teacher, we train academic matters to our students. But a deeper task is cast upon our shoulders, and that is to mold the youth's personality. One basic but very important ingredient in developing that personality is confidence.

Confidence gives an individual the courage, spirit, and openness to the world. A child who is confident is a child who is willing to learn, to grow and to show his individuality without hesitations. Which is a reason in fulfilling his goals and achievements. But the problem arises when one does not have the confidence. In this part, the role of a teacher as a coach, as an adviser and as a booster comes.

As Claudia Pesce of www.busyteachers.org, cited, there are several ways on how to boost one’s confidence. Of which, several of them are as follows.

1. Correct students properly.

Never correct a student during a class discussion while the student is actively participating. It is better to let him speak out all her thoughts and wait for the right time and right place to give her advice and corrections.

2. Feel free to praise your pupils.

Make our students feel that they are appreciated. Always give praise or words of encouragement for every good deed and classroom achievement that they commit.

3. Reach out to them.

Making them feel that have a friend inside the classroom gives them confidence and will make them think that they have somebody to talked with anytime.

4. Allow students to succeed

In a heterogeneous class, student’s qualities varies. The fast learners always become dominant of the class, while the slow ones are those who were left. So, give fair chances to all and make them succeed in crafts which they excel in doing.
5. Provide some visuals during class.

Pupils find the discussion more interesting if they see and hear some visuals. At present, it is an advantage for us to deliver learnings to our pupils because ICT based materials are now widely used anywhere. This is a very effective way of catching our pupils’ attention. Also, some subjects need student’s reporting of a specific topic. Nowadays, it is helpful for the present generation the system of learning in school. With the modern technologies and computers everywhere. Information is very accessible.

6. We must make all learning goal-oriented

Before we start our daily teachings, make it a habit to talk to our students what will they learn nor achieve at the end of that day. Make sure that valuable lessons are to taught and they must apply it in their everyday lives.

7. We should instill habits and use repetition from Day 1

“Practice makes perfect”, a quote stating that repetitions is a key in mastering a skill. Thus a well-known advice telling us to never get tired of the essential habits that will make us good in everything that we do. Making your students feel confident that they can learn right from the start is not that hard. We can teach them routines which they will use again and again until they meet certain goals. If they constantly repeat those routines, surely they will have mastery on those things.

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