DEVELOPING LIFELONG LEARNERS

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It is one of the greatest responsibilities of the school to develop a lifelong learner. A lifelong learner is someone who continuously learn and apply different skills and ways that are learned in school to deal with life situations and challenges. The role of accomplishing this is bestowed upon the hands of teachers who are the agents of change in their respective classrooms.

In developing a lifelong learner, the teacher may consider the given suggestions and recommendations to fully transform every child in school to become this kind of learner.

Instill the skill for innovation. It is a good practice for a teacher to develop innovation skill among the students. This would not only teach them to always search for something new and useful but at the same time led to advancement in life. In this way, the innovation will be used for life, making them as lifelong learners who always search for inventiveness.

Stimulate critical thinking. The teacher must develop and even further enhance the critical thinking of every individual in school. Critical thinking leads each student to contemplate on different things logically or rationally. This would be used in everyday living even after school, thus making the person a lifelong learner who thinks critically on the different concerns in life.

Cultivate independent learning. The teacher may transform the students into lifelong learners through the acquisition of independent learning. The independent
individuals may be able to face challenges in the future steadfastly if they can work with their own abilities and intuitions.

Expose to technology. Following the latest trend, the teacher must lead the students in embracing technology. The so-called technology may be used for continuous learning, and this may be utilized to still grow and progress in the future. Technology will not fade instead it will continue to advance for the sake of humankind.

Initiate SMART goals. The teacher should be able to introduce SMART goals to students. SMART goals may pertain to specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and timely objectives in school or even in life.

Encourage further reading. The power of reading is truly beneficial. This may lead a student to read several materials that are contributory to learning. With reading a person may become a lifelong learner because even after school the ability to read is very essential.

Consider real-life problems and solutions. The teacher may teach the learners on how to deal with real-life situations. Further, through the familiarization with the outside world, the person tends to face and resolve situations or problems.

Develop lifelong learners is part of the noble job of a teacher and truly creating these learners would be beneficial to the world and to our society.

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