DIFFERENT WAYS TO MANAGE THE PUPILS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

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We know that there are things to consider when our pupils have some difficulties in absorbing the lessons that we want to impart with them. Here are some ways to keep in mind when dealing with pupils with learning disabilities. The teachers are given necessary guidance towards enhancing the teaching and learning process of the pupils. Some of the neurological disorders that might manifest themselves as difficulties in listening, thinking, writing, speaking and spelling. By understanding the different types of learning disorders and signs you will easily find a solution or treatment for his learning difficulties. The victory for the pupil with learning disabilities requires attention or interest on the pupil’s achievement rather than his failure. The pupils with LD or learning disabilities require a simple, firm and a one-on-one remedial instruction. The top priority of the teacher must focus on the pupil’s improvement and achievement. Remember that there are many kinds of learning disabilities and these require different approaches and also a different strategy to learn. LD pupils should be given proper techniques. Here are some different ways to manage the pupil with learning difficulties.

1. Always give your pupil the unconditional love and care. Pupils need our support and love because these will serve as his strength. Encouragement and support for your pupils can build a strong sense of self-confidence and a solid foundation for a lifelong success.

2. Learn the weaknesses and strengths of your pupil. Find out what’s his best and uplift that part. Find out what his weaknesses and start finding the solutions to those weaknesses. Learn his best skills, interest and his talents. Nurture the activities where he
excels and give him an extra time whenever he needs it. Give your pupils a great experience that they would never forget as long as they live.

3. Collaborate with his parent. Ask the parent regarding the child’s behaviour at home when it comes to study habits. Ask the assistance of his parents whenever possible. The parents and the teachers go hand in hand to help the child in solving his difficulties. Ask his parent on how you can help your pupil to overcome his weaknesses.

4. Be patient and always assist your pupil. Understanding his difficulties in learning can give your pupil hope and confidence that things can improve and he will eventually succeed. As a teacher, your assistance and guidance must be evident to your pupil so that he will not be hesitant to come to you every time he feels bad when he had done something wrong.

5. Ask his parents to get involve in their child’s education. Ask them to be a parent and a teacher with their child. Ask them to attend in his extra-curricular activities. Their child will follow their lead. Ask them to visit his school often. Know his friends and be friends with his classmates. With this, the parent would be aware of his child’s behaviour if he is progressing or not. Ask them to have a positive outlook in life, hard work and a sense of humor. Their child will definitely embrace their perspective in life. Ask them to provide their child a friendly, safe and a place to study. Structure his area of studying. This will help him motivated and give his extra effort to excel in class.

7. If the parents are having some difficulties handling their child’s learning disabilities, you can ask professional help or counselling. When problems persist, you can discuss your concerns with physicians, educators, or specialists in fields such as learning disabilities, occupational therapy and a comprehensive evaluation.

8. Always maintain an organized place for your pupil. Have a place for everything that he needs, it should be clearly labeled and help him organized his notebooks and other things especially when he is in the school.
9. The teacher should ask advice from co-workers who also experienced having an LD pupil. The teacher should not underestimate pupils like these. What they need most is your continued support, patience and resourcefulness to overcome these kind of children.

10. Use instructional materials that will help the LD pupils like pictures, facial expressions, manipulative materials and other educational materials that will boost their interest and eagerness to learn. Thematic method of learning will allow integration of ideas and this will help them to participate and share their ideas.

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