DISCOVERING YOUR PUPIL’S STRENGTHS

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Every day of every year, we meet students of different personalities. And during the 200 days of teaching them, we ought to learn what type of pupils they are. We can interpret their views by means of their actions. But there is more important than that. We can discover their strengths which is a great reason in developing their entire personality. Identifying your pupil’s strengths means supporting them in things which they like and which will help them grow.

As a teacher, discovering one’s strengths is one of our job. And there are several ways to discover them. Janelle Cox in her work, “Classroom Management to Discover Student Strengths”, cited seven sure-fire ways of discovering a pupil’s strengths.

1. Know your students. Knowing our students one by one will give us ideas what are his likes and dislike and it is a good way of finding his strengths thus enforcing and developing it

2. Execute sense of freedom for them. In a particular subject assign an activity or project which the pupils will choose for himself. In this way the pupil will exert an effort for the success of his project.

3. Ask your pupils with a survey.

This is an effective way of identifying a student’s interest. The teacher may give them a questionnaire which they will answer questions to a certain topic. Or the teacher may ask and students will vote for the options which they like that was given by the
teacher. By means of this, students are stating their own opinions moreover they are revealing their strengths

4. Create an activity that focuses on your pupil’s personality.

This activity will focus more on every pupil’s personal information and personality. It can be done in a form of drawings, poster, or short essay. The topic for their drawing or essay is about themselves.

5. Have a daily challenge for the class.

Challenge the class every day. This activity pertains to a short task which will direct each pupil to perform. It can be in a form of a question or a short reenactment. By challenging them we are encouraging the pupils to showcase their talents and strengths.

6. Play and then discover.

Most children love to play. By playing, every child is not only consuming his energy but also practicing what he is good at. For example, a child who loves to run along may have the potential in sports. Any play the children wants to do manifests his strengths and interest.

Many of our pupils are keeping themselves in a box for they were not given a chance to discover and develop their strengths. So why not lend a hand to these pupils to get out of the box and explore the world, which later will be the ground of their ability after they discover their own strengths
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