EFFECTIVE TEACHER

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A pupil spends most of her productive waking hours in school. Thus, teachers play an important role in her life. It is very important for a teacher to assess the needs of her pupils. A comfortable and conducive environment is very important for effective teaching and learning.

Pupils will feel motivated to learn only if they understand the significance of what they are learning. A teacher knows that all the knowledge imparted in school, according to the prescribed curriculum, may not directly fulfil the needs of each of her pupils. However, through her teaching, she can create the needs and the knowledge that she wants to impart with the day-to-day relevance of such knowledge.

It is very important for a teacher to plan her lessons in advance. However, sticking to the plan to the core is not advisable. There should be enough scope in her lesson plan to incorporate changes that make teaching and learning more effective. A teacher, who is prepared, is confident. She comes across as someone who is sure of what she is doing and this creates a degree of trust between the pupils and the teacher.

If the teacher is interested in the topic that she is teaching, pupils will also be interested. People naturally feel drawn towards people who are sprightly. Stress is a part of everyone’s life these days including pupils especially to teachers. Thus, it is important for the teacher to be happy, lively and enthusiastic so that learning becomes interesting.

As a human being it is very difficult for a teacher to pay attention to something that she naturally not interested in. The same applies to pupils. Lessons can be made interesting by involving the pupils in the learning process. They shouldn’t be passive
listeners instead, they should be active. Regular questioning and inviting suggestions and opinions from them, forces them to concentrate. The teacher can quote famous personalities, use examples from popular T.V. programmes, movies, books etc. Creative association between the lesson and popular media captivates the attention of pupils and helps in retention. The pupils should know that the teacher has put in a lot of effort to make her lesson interesting. Pupils respect teachers who do that and try their best to please them by being more efficient themselves.

Pupils don’t like it if they are expected to acquire a whole lot of new skills to understand what is being taught. While delivering her lesson, a teacher should be able to utilize the existing skills of her pupils to the optimum. She should understand that new skills can be acquired only gradually with a lot of hand holding. Also, children shouldn’t be insulted if they don’t know the things that the teacher thought they knew.

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect. Just because a teacher is older than her pupils does not authorize her to be rude and insensitive towards her pupils. So a teacher should try her best to be likeable and approachable for she is the second parent to her pupils. It is only when you give respect that you get respect. And if a teacher gets respect, then, she will also feel motivated to be a good teacher.

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