ENCOURAGING LEARNERS AND PARENTS TO HAVE LEARNING SPACES AT HOME

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As the education system in the country tries to embrace the new normal setting, the provision of a learning space is deemed significant to make learners – and learning-become successful. During this time of pandemic, learning space is not anymore confined in the four corners of the classroom, but is now being designed at different environments like virtual classrooms and home learning spaces.

Although technology became an indispensable tool for learning continuity to happen amidst the pandemic, the economic situation of most number of families does not meet with the basic requirements for education in a virtual setting. Thus, the call for learning spaces at home becomes a nationwide battlecry to pursue the goals and objectives in achieving continuous quality education.

Adding to the tasks of the teachers is the encouragement of parents and learners to have their own learning spaces at home. But they should be reminded that they should not make it too expensive or regal. What is more important is to keep the learning space conducive to learning. In an educational article, it emphasized that a dedicated home learning space can help develop the learner’s creativity, sharpen their focus for learning, and increase their motivation to read and learn. (Waterford.org, 2020)

Here are some simple tips for parents, learners and teachers who are also parents, in designing learning spaces at home.

1. Think about the learner’s learning needs. Include in your design and choice of location the items or stuff that will be placed which is most essential for the child in studying.
2. Make sure that the space allotted is just for learning. It can just be a corner inside the house, but it can be flexible to give comfort to the learner.

3. Remove distractions. Do not put too many toys, books, and supplies so that it will not be crowded.

4. Make the learning space inspiring, creative, and visual. The things that the learner see in the learning space stimulates the brain for critical thinking.

5. Keep the learning space well-lighted and ventilated. Good lighting can affect the learner’s energy, attention, and achievement level.

6. Gather the needed books and reading materials. The books and other materials can assist them in answering their modules.

7. Personalize the learning space at home. Make it suited to the learner’s needs and interests.

Parents are expected to do their part in helping their child learn and increase achievement level. Teachers depend on the parents to be able to successfully implement learning continuity of the learners by means of the learning spaces they created at home. With these, teachers and parents are long-time partners in moving towards one direction – the quality education for the learners.

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