ENFORCING AN EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

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Every teacher would agree that in the division of effort inside the classroom, 20% will be on the content of the subject and 80% is devoted to classroom management. Classroom management is one key factor in ensuring that students learn and that teaching takes place.

With the millennial students we have today, classroom management has been quite a hefty task to accomplish. Students today for one matter are no longer as diligent as students are way back, say 10 years ago. They are more into social media, or into something else other than what is being discussed in the classroom. They lose the attention they need to focus on the lesson discussed and much worse, they make noise and other distractions inside the classroom both during class or during break hours.

What can be done to remedy this situation? One thing is that students inherit behaviors from the former school where they came from and that is one hard fact to break. Another factor to consider is the filial background the student has. If the parents are not much strict with discipline in the homes tendency is that the student will carry that idea inside the classroom. Peer pressure is also one great factor to consider in the mischiefs of students. But one factor that is often missed out is the teacher.

Yes, the teacher! The teacher imposes the rules in the classroom and expects that the students obey them. House rules inside the classroom are expected to be followed by all. And by saying “by all” it means both the students, the teachers and other members of the school should follow.
Unfortunately, these rules are only imposed to students. Example, students are not allowed to eat inside the classroom, yet they see their teachers bring along food and snacks and eat inside the room. Another famous rule is that to keep quiet inside the classroom and no talking. Yet when other teachers come in, will have chats and talks that are over heard by the whole class much worse laughing loudly like no one is around but them. And lastly, no one is allowed to come late to class. We all know teachers are at times guilty of this. Do I need further explanations?

So what is the point in all of this?

The point is, if the teacher imposes house rules inside the classroom the rules apply to everybody both the students and the teachers even to other faculty members. As the cliché goes the teacher must be the best model in the class and that not only apply to teaching but also to all aspects including behavior. And like the law dictates that “the law applies to all if not then to none at all.”

So teachers, set a good example to your students. If you make rules, make sure you follow them as well. No excuses, no ifs, no buts.

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