EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AND ITS EFFECTS

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Experiential learning is learning through experience which, they say, is the best teacher. Even Julius Caesar once said that "Experience is the teacher of all things". How can we, in simple ways, incorporate experiential learning in teaching and how important is it?

Experiential learning is a more involved way of learning and usually includes out of classroom experiences. It is a more hands-on approach to teaching and also requires an increase of self-reliance from the learners. Some examples are field trips, visits to art galleries or museums, or theaters. A simpler and more cost-effective way to incorporate experiential learning in teaching could be activities like planting trees, visiting institutions in the community, participating in events, or maybe learning a new sport or musical instrument.

It is very essential to help students learn through experience. Through it, they can have stronger connection with the knowledge that they obtain, and knowledge gained through experience is also something that cannot easily be forgotten. Experiential learning also helps develop independence and critical-thinking because it gives students the chance to analyze and reflect on their own. It also encourages creativity and enhances the students' imagination since they get to see things in their own unique way. One thing to note though is that like anything related to experience, mistakes can happen. It is our responsibility to teach the students to take every mistake as a chance to learn and improve.
Experiential learning is definitely a valuable tool in education and there are lots of benefits that students can gain through it. Most importantly, if done right, it creates a fun learning environment.

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