GAINING RESPECT FROM PUPILS

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Respect is defined as a feeling of admiring someone and should be treated in appropriate way.

As a teacher, always remember that when you are inside the classroom you are the leader, you are their teacher. They must listen to what you are saying.

Self-confidence is what you need once you decide to enter the world of teaching. Pupils to respect you is up to you, if you think you have that guts to be respected by your pupils, well, then, you must believe that they need to give their respect and do what you asked or ordered them to do.

There are things to remember to gain the respect of the learners, the first one is, the teacher respect his pupil, teacher must know the strength and weaknesses of the pupil, knowing his family background is a big help so teacher will know how she/he will be treated. For him, sometimes his attitude makes the teacher mad but when teacher learns everything to the learner and teacher will understand him and why he or she having such behavior, it can help teachers on how to deal with this child. By then, the child will never have the feeling that he or she is being rejected in school, child may feel that teacher like him/her and she will treat the teacher the same way.

The second one, it is better to have a class agreement, find out how they will learn and what hinders learning. Use this as establishing essential agreement as to how the class will run and what behaviors will be evident. Have everyone sign it. Put it up on the wall.

The third one is, be part of the learning community, encourage pupil to work with others, let them realize this, two heads are better than one, one must learn to work with different people.

Fourth, acknowledge their physical needs, if pupils ask permission to use the comfort room allow them to do it, as well as if they want to drink water or to eat, so pupils will feel comfortable while they are inside the classroom.
Fifth, Teacher should be fair, do not show favoritism while in class, try to treat learners equally.

Sixth, have a sense of humor. Don’t take school seriously, take learning seriously, but make learning fun too.

Seventh, provide a secure learning space, provide chances in leaning, encourage pupils to discover something.

Eighth, be sincere, say what you mean, mean what you say, show that you care for them and if not, what makes you their teacher?

Ninth, pupils committed mistake, since we are all human, even teachers committed mistakes, if so, you may ask an apology for the mistake that you have done.

Tenth, do not be in charge of every situation. Teacher should ask herself if it is important before she will make a reaction, don’t make all the decision, provide opportunities for choice. Show that you value initiative above compliance.

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