GETTING DISTANCE LEARNERS MOTIVATED

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In the advent of the development of the Internet in this country in the past decades, many schools give way to distance learning. However, teachers find it hard to teach struggling children to be involved in online studies and stay motivated.

The 21st century can be described as an era of online learning, more so, under the new normal; however, what seemed to be bewildering and unbelievable just a decade ago is an ordinary routine today. The potential of distance learning, have been cuddled by teachers and students, making them to master any skill and other learning from the comfort of their homes. But it is a fact that online learning is greatly different from face-to-face approach. It is less stressful and demanding to be working from home in terms of attention and focus.

Teachers must accept that giving feedbacks to students is essential. To stay inspired and motivated, a student needs to know his or her class standing every now and then, since feedback is critical to online learning. Another way to keep students motivated in an online learning is to provide easy access to resources. Online courses have available and abundant and relevant materials on the Web. Thus, the teacher needs to provide guidance on further reading and studying by providing links to free, easily accessible resources.

Similarly, the teacher must not forget that there is a need for a variety of instructional strategies. Students have different learning styles, so teachers must be sensitive to this. An enthusiastic teacher inspires and motivates students, by way of serving as a living example of passion towards the subject. On the other hand, in the online space, good planning and organization are the clues to effective learning and
interest. So, planning is vital in both technical and educational terms to make the learning process smooth and students-inspired. Thus, the teacher must provide concrete and clear examples which shall give ultimate meaning to studies. Finally, teacher must improve the autonomy of the students, also called self-directed learning, and the teacher’s task is to help them.

As we can see, there are diverse differences between online learning and traditional classroom in many ways, but the times are fleeting, bringing changes, and we cannot afford to teach by the old and traditional standards, ignoring the students’ needs of today.

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