GUIDING STUDENTS IN USING TECHNOLOGY

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With the ongoing preparations of the Department of Education for the opening of classes this school year 2020 – 2021, one of the main resources that students can rely on is the electronic devices such as laptops, desk top computers, smart phones and tablets. This will entail that student use gadgets in more than the normal time and frequency. This might pose a risk to students abusing the availability of gadgets and not to mention the internet connectivity. With the pressure and attraction of socializing with varied social media platforms, video streaming or online gaming, there is a huge percentage of expectancy that student will be tempted to Segway on this vices instead of focusing on the lessons that they need to accomplish.

What will be the best solution to avoid this at home? Normally, parents would respond that they will have to impose strict discipline and close monitoring of their children while they are online or using electronic gadgets.

From years ago, strict compliance to rules and regulations regarding studying was seen as an effective way of instilling discipline among students in developing study habits. But times change as so does everything else. Students of today are no longer like the students of yesteryears who grew accustomed to strict rules and hard imposed regulations.

Today’s students are more resilient and more defiant. This is due to the fact that the students belonging to recent generations are more adventurous and more inquisitive. These traits compel them to satisfy their questions even if it means finding them on their own and on perilous ways.
One good advice to ensure that students do not stray away their focus on studying is for parents to become a good guide instead of becoming a terror disciplinarian. Students of this generation are no longer adaptive to the traditional means of instilling study habits through forceful strategies and punishment system. Instead, students are more driven to appreciate guidance and companionship. They value relationship and connections. These are good factors that can be used to hone the behavior of students in using technology properly.

Instead of parents scolding them or holding a stick ready to hit them once they make a mistake, parents may opt to accompany them while they trod the path towards educational success. Parents may stay by their side and provide assistance whenever it is needed. Parents need to bear in mind that students now have a certain sense of independence that by controlling them or imposing harsh and strict rules is no longer effective.

By becoming a guide, parents may have high chances of ensuring that their children will learn better with the assistance of technology.

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