HOME CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

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In the school, it is said that the teacher is the second parent or the “parent” of the students. So, the teacher does not only teach academic learning but life lessons and values as well. When the pandemic hit the world, a new learning modality surfaced. Parents are now the second teacher or the “teacher” of their children. The students’ classroom is now at their own homes.

At the traditional classroom teaching, the teacher manages around 30 or more students everyday. This means he has to care for 30 or more personalities. This is not easy to do yet the teacher, with all his capacity, embraces the challenge. He tries his best to ensure that each student’s learning needs are met.

Now, the parent has to teach his children, one or about five, say in a big family. Not all parents are able and capable. One basic reason could be they are not trained teachers. Another reason is their job or business which they need to attend to and hinders “teaching time” for their children. It could also be that the fact the relationship is that of a parent-child, the tendency during the learning process is that parents tend to “parent” their children instead of “teach” them.

Thus, home classroom management is crucial. Teachers can help parents by providing them classroom tips and strategies to use at home. Experimentation is part of the process since each child is different from another. One method might work for one child but not with the other. It is helpful to carefully plan and assess with the parent to help the teacher know the student more through the parent’s sharing of how his child is. This can be taxing but rewarding when done properly. It can be a long process, too, and
might even pose some stress for both the teacher and the parent. It is helpful if the teacher first establishes a good and encouraging partnership with the parent. The teacher can show support and motivate the parents by making them feel they are capable and that the teacher is available and willing to help them out.

As there are many classroom management strategies, the teacher can share to the parents what strategies he uses in school. The parents may be able to look at a list of methods which they think can be helpful for them and to their teacher. For example, if a young learner cannot put his full attention to a lesson, teacher explains that young learners have short attention span thus providing interesting activities in the form of play can be helpful. In managing the learner, teacher can explain that young learners need consistent and kind supervision.

One very important strategy that can be shared to the parent is the need to model ideal behavior. Orienting children on how the parent will do the lessons with them is vital. Set specific time and schedule and make sure to follow them so that the children see its importance and benefits. Establish acceptable rules and acceptable behavior with the children and make sure to be consistent in implementing them. Given this, a home learning environment can be achievable with the teacher supporting even online or at a distance learning mode.

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