HOW IS IT TO BE A TEACHER?

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“A good teacher is like a candle – it consumes itself to light the way of others.”

Teachers’ task everyday requires tons of energy due to tedious paper works simultaneously with tending to the needs of the learners. Thus, crafting a well-planned day should be accomplished, if possible, a week-long plan is suggested. In planning, the teacher should include the following: a) A well-crafted lesson plan, b) activity routines inside and outside the classroom, and c) alternative plans if unnecessary things happen.

In order start right at the beginning of the week, the teacher should prepare a flexible, learner-centered and engaging lesson plan. Lesson planning plays a vital role in daily routine of the class. The lesson plan serves as a guide to the teacher to execute the lesson of the day. As what we are used to have, we have some daily routines that we need to execute before we proceed with the discussion. Here are the activities that have been routinized.

At the start of the class, make sure that the students will start with a prayer. Praying everyday will enable students to gain knowledge that in everything they do, put God first and strong faith will come next. Also, inculcating to them that God is always there to guide and support them in every challenge they made inside and outside the classroom.

See to it that before starting the class, the room is clean. One way of dealing a stress-free teaching-learning day is to make sure that everything is in order and neatly placed. Learning will not take place if the students are not comfortable with the room. This way, learners will be involved to teach them cleanliness is next to Godliness. Also, to make them responsible in the things inside their classroom.
Motivation is also one of the activities that a teacher used to do. Prepare motivational activities that are congruent with the previous lesson and parallel with the next lesson. By doing so, continuity will be attained. Also make it challenging so that the minds of the students will be ready for the hierarchy of questions to be given with them in the lesson proper. Also, prepare some motivation that will give them entertainment and some motivation that requires physical involvement. Hence, always keep in mind that the motivation is connected with the topic because the main purpose of motivation is to serve as an overview of the lesson.

Giving seatwork is also routinized; see to it that you have prepared 5 to 10 items seatwork. Seatwork can easily evaluate whether the students learned the target objective or competency for the lesson or not. Also, it allows the teacher to assess if he/she can go beyond and do an enrichment activity for the learners’ welfare.

Sometimes, give them group activities also. Research shows that group work can have a very positive impact on learning outcomes (CIRT, 2019). Cooperative learning is one of the strategies that involves group work. It promotes cooperation, camaraderie and unity among students. Group activities may bring joy that can never be seen in working alone.

Lastly, always give an assignment. Giving an assignment ensures provision of long-term retention and also may serve as a continuing process for the next day. Although, nowadays giving homework/assignment on a Friday is discourage. However, teachers can modify assignments that will not be tedious for them over the weekend. Family involvement is encouraged too, so that each member will communicate and monitor how their children perform in school. Lastly, make alternative plans. See to it that the teacher knows the strength and weaknesses of his/her plans.

Teachers need to have daily routine because it improves the performance of the student. It also gives them direction and a well-planned week. This will lessen stressful and hell weeks since they have organized their routine and make necessary plans of adjustments if one activity is not met. To be a teacher is to be a master planner, now that most of the environment has been polluted with things caused by conventional education system. It is not only about being ready but also lessening the burden that the system may incur.
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