I AM A CREATIVE TEACHER!

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During my college days I was never on top of the class nor a teacher’s pet. But when I decided to take up BEED I knew from the beginning that I want to be a teacher. And being a teacher takes a lot of responsibilities in handling a class of different individuality. More than responsibilities, vital factors are needed to become an effective classroom teacher. One of the list enlisted is creativity. I have been in the class of the slow learners, and I find my pupils with short span of attention, unmotivated, and sometimes discouraged.

At this point, creativity enters in countering student’s bad attitude towards learning. In the site, www.teachhub.com by Janelle Cox, she wrote an article entitled, “The Teaching Strategies of Creative Teachers” which might give us some tips on how to develop the inner creativity within us.

As a modern teacher it is an advantage for me to develop my inner creativity using modern technologies. At present, ICT based equipment is openly sold in the market which one can use in teaching. Also, the internet has a lot to offer when it comes to references and resources. It’s just a click away. It can give us ideas and suggestions on how to bring out the creativity within us.

Teaching is a passionate and enjoyable profession but it will not be effective if you will do the same thing everyday. The following concepts deals how to awaken your creativity side which might help to be one creative teacher.

1. Teach the same concept using Varied Teaching Strategies
Creative teachers always bear in mind the term “individual differences”, she makes it sure that everyone shows interest in her teachings no matter what type of learners they are.

2. Keep up to date and maintain passion for learning.

As a teacher we must equip ourselves with the latest trend in education. We must keep in mind that being a teacher means a long-term learning and that education is forever evolving so we must see to it that we are not left out.

3. Teaching is like a box of chocolate.

A famous line from a foreign movie. This explains that as a teacher there are lots of teaching strategies that one might use to catch his pupils’ attentions. Teachers who are creative must not only be creative inside the classroom, outside the four corners of the classroom is also an area for us teachers to develop our creativity. We must follow our passion and draw from our interests. We may use real life situations or anything that motivates and intrigues us and merge it into our daily teaching.

4. Creative teachers teaches from the heart.

The type of teachers under this category are never the simple and plain teachers. In this category, teachers intertwine each subject within each other and show students how they relate to their own lives. They give extra time and effort highlighting the relationships between subjects and topics and help their students figure out how they all connect.

5. Always see the positive side in you.

In every situation, we must always find the good nor the positive things. We must not get stressed over teaching the standards, instead we should look at the standards and try to find a way for students to be creative also. Stress is the number
one enemy of our field. So instead of being stressed, let’s incorporate creativity to reach most satisfaction for the ever-changing educational standards

Now the question is, are you creative? In what way?

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