IMPROVING CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT SKILLS

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For teachers who are new to the profession, one huge hurdle they face is having the right classroom management skill. Other expert teachers are more than willing to help and guide them. However, learning the skill is something that can be personal to the teacher. This may be due to the fact that each teacher has his own unique characteristic and has a unique set of learners to handle as well. The methods other teachers share can be helpful though to be used as a guide to the novice.

Here are some common tips on how to improve classroom management skills.

1. Always be prepared. It will be helpful if from the beginning of the school year, you have already prepared a budget for your lessons. You may include special activities or programs. For example, if you are teaching SMAW students, you may include a symposium where you can invite a professional welder who can impart learnings about the trade and industry of welding to the students. A timeline can guide you but be prepared also to be flexible as needs arise.

2. Know and plan what you want the students to learn. The curriculum guide can be used for this. Research on learning materials to use and know the learning styles of the students you will be handling.

3. Be willing to ask for support from your colleagues and your supervisor. They are equipped to extend help especially when it comes to maximizing student learning, behavior, and discipline. Know the rules and policies. If you encounter situations that you are unsure on how to properly handle and address, it will be best to seek guidance and advise to those who have been in the field longer than yourself.

4. Everyday, remind yourself that you are in charge of the classroom. How would your teaching day transpire? Would it be great, stressful, productive, or average?
Ask yourself also how the learning day would be for the students? Would it be fruitful, fun, toxic, or boring? Be honest and act to what and how your teaching day would be.

5. Accept the responsibility for being a teacher and for being in charge. You facilitate the learning of the students. You are in charge on how they can maximize their full potentials while they are under your care as their learning facilitator. Do the best that you can without compromising your self-worth.

While being a teacher now a days can really be burdensome, it can also be worth all the efforts, hard work, and diligence.

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