KEY ELEMENTS FOR EFFECTIVE CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

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Do you experience of being like in a zoo of wild students where you are the only person inside the classroom to tame the whole crowd and lead the herd? A class sometimes can be too challenging to handle, this likely to happen in an inadequately managed classroom where effective teaching and learning experience is not possible.

Harry & Rose Mary Wong once said in their book “Effective teachers have a classroom management plan with all the procedures necessary for a classroom to run consistently and smooth for learning to take place.” They tackle a very simple methodical approach: Teaching is all about student achievement. Like every other profession, good teachers are good managers. Hence, positive student achievement begins by developing strong classroom management skills.

An effective classroom management is possible and can be attained thru establishing:

Rules

Construct simple rules that foster respect, discipline and concern. House rules are not just tackled in the first day of the school. It needs to be reiterated before the beginning of the class. I suggest having a different student each day to read the rules posted and
visible for the whole class. This constructs in their mind an idea that rules are important to follow, this will become a habit and also develops students’ sense of responsibility.

Healthy Communication

This is an important key in classroom management. It’s always a two-way process between the teacher and the students. The teacher should not be the one who always do the talking. It is more important to hear and respond to every student’s concern. Always encourage them to speak their minds this is a healthy practice for them to eliminate their fear of rejecting their ideas. When students feel engaged in the class, they feel more valued and this boosts their morale. As a result, this will produce successful academic students.

Conducive Learning Environment

Classroom’s physical appearance has an impact on the students learning. Prepare a neat, spacious and attractive classroom. Make sure that students receive enough ventilation and natural light to prevent students on having physically bad condition such as headache or dizziness. Keep in mind that all resources and materials that the class need inside the classroom are accessible for a better learning experience to happen.

Planning and Organization

This helps you to stay on schedule and always have to start with yourself. You can make an organized class by preparing your daily lesson plan ahead to have an ample
time on preparing the necessary materials for the lessons. Procedure is the keyword to be organized. Mr. & Mrs. Wong suggest 3 step method for teaching procedure: Explain. Rehearse. And Reinforce. When a teacher gives procedures this gives them feeling of security and lessens the confusion.

Every teacher may have a unique style of management after all, but as this saying goes “Classroom management is not about having the right rules; it’s about having the right relationship.”

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