LET THE CHILD DREAM THEIR WAY

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Don’t you know that ducks like to surf? They have been witnessed riding tides and swimming back to ride them again. Analogously, students are like ducks who want to ride on their goals and dreams in life.

Every child is a dreamer. They are propelled by their dreams and goals in life. No matter how big or small their dreams are, still these serve as motivation which stirred students to be self-efficient. Locke and Latham’s (1990) Goal-Setting Theory as cited by Miles (2012), people are driven to focus their attention towards achieving their goals. The summit level of performance is attained when goals are complicated and precise. Goal attainment provides a person with an explicit evidence for evaluating the effectiveness of their performance. Needless to say, the more difficult the goal that is achieved, the higher the performance.

With this in mind, it is very important that teachers let their students dream. Let them dream their own journey and have a blue print of what they want to achieve and become in the future. Bear in mind that teachers will only serve as facilitators and scaffolds for the students to realize what their goals and dreams are and plan ways on how to materialize them. Aside from that, teachers may serve as eye openers for the students to explore and discover their full potentials. Realizing these potentials is important for the students to know themselves better and match whether or not their potentials are appropriate to the goals and dreams they set for themselves.

Remember that at the end of the day, students will need to stand alone, dream alone and explore alone. Though the world has a vast sea which may throw enormous
and unpleasant waves that might hurdle our students’ journey in achieving their goals and dreams, let them struggle. For in every struggle, there is learning. After all, they might eventually enjoy the waves, plunges and surfs into it.

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