LOVING SIPNAYAN

by:

Leony Ann E. Pruna
Teacher III, Orani National High School – Parang - Parang

Every student has a negative attitude about Mathematics. This is one of the main reasons why most of them failed in this subject. Minor mistakes that can be done by them may lead to disappointments. Rejections of submitted projects, bullying and failed grades may low their self-confidence and self-esteem. A student who is exerting effort to achieve his goals is indeed very rare nowadays. A sad truth that few will study well for the sake of their parents’ hardship at work.

Learning Mathematics is one of the struggles in the life of a student. Numbers, computations and solving problems are some of those topics that give them headaches and stress. Remembering procedures, analysis and memorizing formulas as well to pass the subject. Yes it is difficult. Discovery learning may be hard for them but this is one of the teaching strategies that may be implemented for them to learn. Providing a word problem that is not patterned to the given examples will make them think critically. This will practice their analysis and make them explore and derive new methods. Building a creative mind of the students will give them a brighter future.

Looking at the positive side of these trials as an individual is a way to make our students to be independent and work on their own techniques. This may be difficult for them at the beginning but once we trained them in a self-governing learning environment, they will become better learners. There is no transfer of learning if they will only depend on the traditional methods and strategies.

Teach them how to face their fears in Mathematics. Let the students realize the essence of this subject. Motivating the students to love this subject is uneasy but the way on how
you let them learn and discover new things despite of its difficulty is indeed a good favor for them. According to Dusco (2018), the first step to help your student to love Mathematics is to let them have a growth mindset. This only means that we, as teachers must make them believe that they can be better in this subject. Several of our students has a fixed mindset. They always believe that they have always a poor performance in Mathematics. Remind them that problems may be challenging to solve but if you will keep on trying, you can. Do not present complicated Math equation that is beyond the learning capacity of the students. If this will happen, the learners may forever believe their stupidity towards the subject.

Moreover, Posamentier (2017), suggested that teachers must use recreational activities to make this subject enjoyable and fun. Execution of lessons through games, Mathemagics or creating origami in Geometry may be used to make the subject interesting for them. Hidden talents in arts of the students may be revealed. Searching for more innovations and games are effective ways to overcome Mathematics anxiety. Educational videos instead of the traditional chalk and board can also help them absorb the lesson easily. Listening to Mathematics songs may caught their attention. Extraordinary teaching strategies will make them realize the beauty of this subject.

Teachers are instruments for a fruitful learning. It is our duty to teach. Our vocation is not only to make our students grasp the lesson but also to make them love the subject. Many of our students will hate Mathematics because of its abstract concept but the way on how you guide them as an educator will make the students embrace its essence. Thinking creatively and positively towards Mathematics will lead not only into high grade but also into progressive education.
References:

9 Strategies for Motivating Students in Mathematics

Posamentier, Alfred 2017

5 Fun Ways to Get Your Students to Love Math

Dusco, Tara 2018