Motivation and its Significance

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Motivation is the driving spirit that takes learners around. Without it, kids would be lazy beings. In education, it is considered the heart of the learning process. While pupils are the bus, motivation is the driver and motivator is the fuel. Hence, motivation is necessary in teaching and learning process.

Fostering motivation towards learning is an essential feature of the teaching skills involved in establishing a positive classroom climate. It may be achieved in any of three ways. These are the student’s natural interest (intrinsic satisfaction), motivation by the teacher (extrinsic rewards) and success in the task (satisfaction and reward).

Based on research, role of home and parental encouragement is of major importance in influencing the level of students’ academic motivation. In classroom situation, praise rather than criticism develops a more welcoming and positive climate for learning. Here are some tips on how to improve motivation towards learning:

1. Select topics that are likely to interest learners.
2. Provide students with regular feedback concerning how their skills and competence are developing.
3. Make sure that active involvement and cooperation between students fosters enjoyment.
4. Involve an interest in the learning task itself and also satisfaction being gained from task.
5. Use praise as a powerful motivator and link to students’ effort and attainment.

Lack of motivation may cause learners to be less successful in learning. Teachers should know how to motivate their students but it should not be forgotten that every learner is not motivated entirely by the same demands and needs. Satisfaction from each learner is different from the other. Without having motivation, lack of success is inevitable. If there are not any factors motivating learners, the productivity will decrease dramatically.