MUSIC: A TOOL FOR JOYFUL LEARNING

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The methods by which pupils learn are important factors in the teaching and learning process. Teachers constantly look for ways on how pupils will learn best and make learning more fun and pupil-centered. In doing so, teachers must take into consideration that pupils have multiple intelligences and learn in different ways. According to Howard Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences (1999), all human beings possess all the nine multiple intelligences namely: verbal, logical, visual, bodily, existential, naturalistic, musical, interpersonal and intrapersonal. Thus, teachers must provide various activities in order to cater all these intelligences and make learning effective.

Moreover, teachers must also recognize the things which are interesting for their pupils. Aside from playing, drawing and chatting, one of the things that children love and enjoy to do in school is singing. We can hear our pupils singing along with the trending and popular songs during their vacant times. So, why can’t we take advantage of it?

Music is considered to be one of the essential components of child’s cognitive development. In school, songs in forms of nursery rhymes, chants and children’s songs are used by teachers to introduce basic literacy. In addition, songs can be used as instructional material in different subject areas.

We can make use of songs in teaching the concepts that pupils need to understand in a particular topic. For example, in teaching “Human Body System”, you can make use of the tune of a popular song like “That What Makes You Beautiful” by One Direction or
any song which is familiar to most of your pupils. Set its lyrics into the science concepts, as in this version which I use in my Grade 6 science class:

“Respiratory system’s main organ is the lung

Delivers oxygen to blood and body parts

When we exhale we breathe out carbon dioxide

You now know o-oh

Respiratory system 0-oh

That what makes us living”

Doing this can help our pupils to learn in enjoyable way. As educators, we want our pupils to learn every lesson that we are teaching them and we all agree that learning can be more effective and meaningful if they are enjoying the process. We can make learning more joyful by adding more flavors to our teaching style. Integrating music in our classes can make our classes more interesting and fun.

No more boring classes. Let’s be creative and have a joyful teaching with music.

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