NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND AMIDST THE PANDEMIC

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No child left behind…..this should be the guiding philosophy of every teacher. It is a great challenge to us teachers to make every learner learn and catch up with the everyday skills taught in our everyday lessons. But it is a greater challenge now to continue living with this philosophy amidst the pandemic.

The question is how can we ensure that no child will be left behind in our chosen mode of learning under the new normal education. The answer lies primarily in the teachers’ hands. Our resourcefulness, creativity and most of all our love for our learners will dictate whether this philosophy will be realized. As teachers, we can do a lot in making our learners successful during this health crisis. The first thing we should do is to put on our minds that every learner is a unique individual. Accept the fact that they differ in their developmental levels as well as with their socio-economic status and family background. It is our responsibility to get to know them well. Knowing them well will let you decide on what learning modality will you employ that will suit their level and their living conditions. Your empathy for those underprivileged learners due to their economic status will be a big factor in helping them cope with the changes in the normal teaching and learning scenario.

The reading level of the learners should not also be left behind. It is important that as teachers, you should find ways to monitor their reading abilities to ensure that everyone in your class will improve their reading level. Ask parents’ support to help their children practice more reading at home. You can also provide them with printed supplementary reading materials suited to their level. This will surely yield good results especially on struggling learners’ in reading.
We, teachers, are the children’s second parents. It will be a very rewarding feeling to see our learners improve their capabilities and learn successfully in this difficult time. We want them to perform better and have a lot of learning at home. It will be a satisfying feeling to see our learners grow, learn and enjoy studying with no one left behind during this pandemic.

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