PERKS OF BEING A FIRST-TIME TEACHER

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It seems that all of us know how to be a teacher because all of us have gone through being students. Little do we know that behind those closed doors and curtains are scenes that we can never imagine. Being a teacher is not simple as lecturing in front of students; it requires effort, courage and determination to further the knowledge and skills of every student in the classroom. A lot of experiences and kinds of people will be encountered which first-time teachers undeniably and importantly need to experience and overcome.

In the first week of being a first-time teacher, your feet will get hurt because of the pair of heels or leather shoes that is new to you but you will find out the joy of simple things like smelly markers. You will have teacher nightmares seeing what is happening inside the classroom and it is normal. Some of those nightmares will become a reality because you are going to fail but each of those mistakes will be your guide to success so keep experimenting. You will learn to hold your bladder for hours. You will cry. You will lose or gain weight. You will scream at your class because of students' unpleasant behavior. You will fall asleep at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon with massive paperwork to do. You are going to try too much and work hard but give yourself a permission to rest. You will have astonishing lessons and you will be surprised of yourself with how awesome you are. You will be amazed by your students with their works, ideas and developments and you feel you are lucky to have such students. You will worry about your students. You will hear their problems that break your heart and think about them every single day. You will think critically, promote justice and transform teaching into practice even at your worst day.
Indeed, teaching is a very hard but rewarding profession. Teachers who aim to inspire students to be better people, empower them to be creative and critical thinkers and make good law-abiding citizens of the country despite of the difficulties in preparing a lesson and pressure to meet deadlines because the success in accomplishing tasks and happiness in fulfilling the dreams of many students is an immeasurable experience. As Phil Collins once said, “In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.” It is the give and take relationship inside the classroom that makes the teaching profession valuable.

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