Parents have always envisioned that their children will turn into the best citizens of the country. Most of them believe that the school is a major stepping stone to shape their young minds that will enable them to attain their life goals. Teachers, on the other hand, act as parents whenever the students are in school. They are the ones who guides the learners in the teaching and learning process and serves as the role models of good character and conduct and leads the students in discovering their innate abilities.

Teachers play a significant role in shaping the life of the students through their guidance and care. They are the ones which help the students conquer circumstances that seem difficult inside the school or even outside the school premises. Students, once they are comfortable with their teacher, they share their problems at home to their teachers and the challenging situations they are encounter. Whenever there are times that students cannot easily cope up with the lessons or discussions, it is the teacher who helps them understand not just the lesson but the importance of learning.

Some people believe that the teachers’ primary role is to teach children how to behave properly and to distinguish right from wrong. But on the other hand, Rubiano (2017) said that teachers play the role of second parents to the pupils. It is them who correct the pupils if something went wrong like what they do on their own children. Also, once a pupil feels that the teacher appreciates what they do, they will trust their teacher more.
As teachers, they make sure that the students feel that they are safe and well-guided. They never let fear be their image – instead, they always try to show love. Moreover, teachers are experts in interpreting different behaviors portrayed by the students. Whenever some learners experience difficulties and problems, they often do not participate in the activities and lessons and deviate from class discussions. As teachers and substitute parent, they have the authority to talk to the student and explain the possible consequences of such neglect to school activities. Also, the teacher can schedule a home visitation so the parents will be informed of the student’s performance and to come up with possible solutions.

Sudhakar (2017) posited that the “the best teacher sees her students as a continuum of oneself; treat her students like her own children and watches out for them, making sure they always do their best”. Truly a teacher helps the students recognize their talents and goals. Talking to students can help a teacher understand life situation better for they treat their students like their own children.

Therefore, being a teacher does not end in teaching lessons in your subject areas. Teachers must go beyond that; they are seen as one of the most reliable people by the students; they are often the security and refuge whenever students’ face problems at home. It just shows how crucial the role of teacher is – they are not just educators; they are parents of students in school. That is why being caring, compassionate and always ready to listen are the most admired attributes of a teacher slash parent.

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