Handling different kinds of learners can be challenging to teachers in creating a conducive learning environment aside from the different personalities, learning styles and multiple intelligences each student possesses. The educator should find ways of presenting creative and innovative techniques to cater to the unique individual needs of the learners.

Bases for impactful teaching and learning experiences abound. The basics, however, cater to most needs. From among the basics, establishing a clear learning experience is a must. Setting reasonable expectations of the class and being consistent with it can spell a huge difference. Provide students a copy of the course syllabus together with the set guidelines in classroom rules and regulations, instructions on activities and assignments, and other classroom concerns.

From day one of the school year, it is also crucial to set clear behavioral expectations. While behavior is difficult to measure, setting expectations of teachers to students, and vice versa can help lessen conflicts and misunderstanding as the school year goes by. It is also best to establish classroom norms with the teacher playing a role model. For example, being punctual and helpful should first be seen from the teacher before expecting the students to display the same discipline.

A routine can also be helpful. Simple day to day tasks like the passing of papers, falling in line, or passing a journal can be set as part of the daily activities in the class. Once the students got hold of routines that create order, tasks become easier to accomplish and discipline can also be observed easily. Through practice and repetition, activities can be done in a snap.

Create an efficient compilation and recording of teacher’s files and students’ works. Early recording can help in preventing the filing of tasks especially with the fact that teachers have many reports to accomplish. Time management is essential, thus, daily
filing, recording, and compiling can improve efficiency in doing the job. Have systematic filing procedures of lesson plans, student conferences, meetings, school forms, and other pertinent records. This help as ready references for future situations.

Learning from a mentor or mentors is a must for every teacher whose goal is to continuously improve his/her craft. It is a great idea to seek help from others, especially when they are more knowledgeable about a certain classroom situation or subject matter. Attending seminars and pieces of training and participating in intellectual dialogues with colleagues can equip the teacher with new knowledge or enhance current skills and abilities.

There are lots of resources available today for consumption about teaching methodologies and strategies. Reading helps a lot. Become a wide reader and as a teacher, you will find yourself, little by little, getting more equipped with any situation you will face in the education realm.

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