TECHNOLOGICAL LITERACY: AN AID TO ONLINE DISTANCE LEARNING

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Integrating technology in classroom instruction is not just a common learning nowadays. It is vital and necessary. Technology integration is not just teaching computer literacy to students like MS Word, MS Excel or MS PowerPoint, but teaching the lesson using technology. In these trying times where we are controlled with the threat of coronavirus disease, this method of teaching became one of the indispensable tools to augment learning continuity, which is the thrust of the Department of Education amidst the pandemic.

There are few suggestions which are presented for teachers which could be helpful in using technology as a tool to aid classroom instruction better.

1. Make technology applicable to other class assignments. The trend of giving assignment today is by using Facebook as a medium to express or present their mail. The learners could also send their responses thru Gmail. They could also surf the internet about the topics or questions given in the assignment. If the school implements printed modular learning, they can still opt to use this strategy on particular assignments or when there are special cases that the learner cannot submit accomplished printed modules due to valid reasons.

2. Collaborate with other teachers. The teachers can come together as a team and combine efforts to ensure that learners can produce a product made out from different subjects. This calls for a performance task that integrates two or more competencies within or across the subject areas.
3. Use of Video Presentations. Nowadays, what really interests learners is being engaged in doing or creating video clips and vlogs. This is a step for them to be more creative in using technology as a tool for learning. They are now using different applications and programs to add more spices on their video presentations. Learners could also be familiar with the “how’s” of creating video lessons and this will be helpful for them in the future.

The students of today are mostly technology-oriented. So maybe it’s time for teachers to be also that way so that an effective classroom instruction will happen. Remember that with or without the pandemic, it cannot be denied that technology is an indispensable tool to make learning more enjoyable, creative and productive. We can use this fact to make an effort to try using technology in the teaching-and-learning process, not just once in a while, but regularly. After all, this endeavor is for the welfare of our students.

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