TEXT MESSAGING: ROOT OF MISTAKES

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Texting… the very famous activity among children nowadays. Almost all ages knows how to used cellphone and be able to send messages to everyone. It is a realization that Philippines is the texting capital of the world.

With such recognition, the ability of our young individuals particularly the elementary children in writing words suffers much. The style of texting of the older people were copied by these children up to the point that they do not know how to spell the word correctly the reason is “they got used to it." For instance text goes this way, “wr r U ?”, “Tnx “, “C u “, some of the used lines in texting. This implies that this kind of spelling is accepted in texting as long as you can read and understand the lines which is a big mistakes in formal schooling. This scenario creates a great impact on education.

As a teacher, how can we help to solve this problem? Can we determine the problem regarding on the decreasing ability of the learners with regards to correct spelling and correct language usage? Though it is hard for the teachers to monitor the outgoing messages and the incoming messages among students but it will serve as a looking glass to give activities that will enrich our students’ ability to practice writing in a correct spelling. Let us all be responsible for the effect of the text messaging for it might be the root of all mistakes.
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