Rainn Wilson quoted, “Everyone is an artist. Everyone is creative in their own way and that creativity is a great thing. It’s a human thing and it needs to be nurtured and it can help us go down life’s path and help and help us to become deeper, richer, more satisfied human beings”. Teachers were artists before, even when they don’t actually believe it, and they are now even when they feel rushed and stressful about it.

What is the “now” in education? The “Now” is more of online classes and modular approach, The challenge to get students’ attention inside the classroom becomes more challenging at this time. Teachers cannot control anymore students who don’t want to listen to their delivery of the lesson and just turn their video camera off because they are no longer within the physical boundaries of the classroom. The physical classroom shifted to a Google Classroom. But students never shifted from their techy ways and the behavior of being surprised if you really intend to surprise them by showing something they haven’t seen before that will make them say “aaaahhh”, “wow” or “amazing”. Regardless of not being a huge fan of art, a teacher is actually an artist, the creator of many instructional materials. From blackboards and dull and still pictures, delivery of the lesson shifted to the use of MS Powerpoint. Gone are the days when pictures are dull or though colorful it is lifeless, because with the use of MS Powerpoint, lessons become colorful with the use of different backgrounds, font, emojis, GIFs and colorful pictures. Put them together with teacher’s excited tone and full of life behavior then he is now an artist in the learning area. The Google Classroom now becomes a stage of full of life learning. The biggest advantage of using technology is now teachers will not have any hard time to make their students imagine like the process of digestion, chemical processes, breaking down of elements, what is happening beneath the earth, how DNA
is transcribed and translated, how energy is produced and many others because videos can be inserted within the mode of teaching with no delays of cutting the scotch tape or pulling off the previous picture to post the new one, everything can be done in a smooth step by step manner with a bunch of effects. Students love multimedia effects and that helps them to remember the day’s lesson.

Confucius once said, “I hear and I forget. I see and I remember”. The student will forget what you say but give them to them the artist in you and they’ll surely remember what they see. Be the teacher that your student wants to turn on his camera to because of the curiosity on the content of your lesson.

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