THE ENDANGERED SPECIES

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In our everyday scenario inside the classroom, what never fails to happen is I keep on reminding the students to always follow their answers, questions and statements with the magic word “PO and OPO”. Amazingly, they find it difficult to remember saying those words. Whenever I give them a five item quiz in Edukasyon sa Pagpapakatao, almost everyone gets the perfect score. And that means, they know the right answer for every question. But their correct answers in the quizzes aren’t reflected in their actions. And then I will start making them realize that even if they got the correct answers in their quizzes, but they did not do the right thing in the actual situations, it means, they did not truly learn. I also tell them that intellectual ability is necessary for someone to succeed, but still, it is more important to possess good moral values. A person who failed to make the right choice in his life will eventually lose the success that he worked hard for long. This can be exemplified by prominent personalities who held positions in the government such as presidents, governors, etc., who were sentenced for imprisonment due to committing crimes. They were all successful and famous, and who would have thought that they will end up living behind bars. And this is caused by weakened moral values. It’s quite alarming to see nowadays how few are the students who manifests good moral values. And the worst, they are becoming fewer and fewer. Most of the students talk to their teachers and to their parents as if they are of the same age. They don’t greet teachers who they bumped into along the way. They don’t know when to say excuse me whenever they have to. These and more are some of the basic values that students are supposed to be practicing. If they don’t know how to do these simple values, how can they have an in depth awareness of the moral values that will serve as guide in making better decisions for them to succeed in life? Indeed, it was important to inculcate moral values to the
students. Parents and teachers must work hand in hand to do this task. The easiest way to teach students is to show them how it is done. Perhaps, they hardly remember saying po and opo because they do not hear the people around them saying these words as well. We should really work hard on this, by that, we mean doing the best of our capacities to equip our students in being adept in making the right choices for them to have a quality life.

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