TO PARENTS: HOW TO FOLLOW-UP YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING

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Are you a parent? Is your child already in school? If so, how do you know that your child is learning enough?

As parents, we trust the education of our child in the school. If we enrolled them in public schools, there are varied tests that our child undergoes. Some parents think that the test scores or the child’s grades are basis or evidences that their children are learning.

In the Philippines, the normal education is set up for a traditional school year, like for the school year 2018 -2019, the number of school days is 204, from which 180 days are considered non-negotiable. But due to unavoidable circumstances brought about by natural phenomenon, there have been disruptions and suspensions of classes. Parents are already troubled about this situation. As an answer, the Department of Education strongly encouraged the conduct of makeup classes to replace the days lost. In this way, the learning competencies that are missed or not mastered would be given a chance to be discussed and learned by the students.

If you are a parent and your questions is “Is my child learning enough?”, then you could be asking a wrong question. The fact is, the lessons in Math, English, Science or History could not be the sole basis of how well your child is learning in school. Always remember that his whole personality is what should be considered. A holistic education really matters. Assess your child’s attitude. Evaluate his or her interests. Monitor his behavior and how he or she deals with other people. Have you even checked his assignments, or opened his notes? Do you even know his handwriting? Simple questions that might be not relevant but psychology says it do helps.
It might sound corny for parents to say that they will know if their child is learning, but the fact is they will really know. How?

Your child’s learning could be easily seen on their faces, smiles and actions. If they are happy doing their tasks, assignments or projects, then it might be okay to say they are learning. If the student seems to be hungry for information, asking you a lot of questions about their topic in school, it could also mean that the student is learning.

Finally, it is still in the eyes of the teacher or the parent to say at the end that the student is learning. Remember that their learning should not be solely based on their report cards or test scores. There are still other ways to assess or evaluate. Never judge them easily with these kind of assessment tools. You know in your heart whether or not your student is making a progress or not. Whether you are a teacher or a parent, or both, your concern to the child are entwined. Always give them the best, and this will reflect on their learning.

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