TOP 10 PRINCIPLES OF EFFECTIVE TEACHING

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Teachers are the 'holders of knowledge' and their role was to impart these knowledge and skill to students. It is on their hands on how the students can achieve learning in a life-long process. It depends on how effective a teacher will be in sharing knowledge. A student must acquire knowledge effectively based on the teaching technique employed, to have effective teaching.

Effective Teachers are those who tried to motivate and involve all the students in learning and not simply accepting students that are meant not to learn anymore or destined to do poorly. Those that believe on every student has a capability to learn in school and eagerly find ways on how the students will learn successfully.

Every teacher wanted to make a difference in the lives of the learner but how could it be. As based on the research conducted by Sander WL and Rivers JC (1996), “A great teacher helps the student’s progress an additional of 38 points which is a total of 52 points progress altogether”. based on students’ typical percentile gain in one year.

Therefore, it is truly needed that a teacher must know and practice these 10 Evidence Based Principles of Effective Teaching that showed great impacts on the student’s progress in learning.

1. Effective teachers are passionate in helping their students to the best that they can. that is forming warm and caring relationship with the students, but it is a need to set standards that the students must meet for the teachers and pupils to work for a common goal.
2. Effective teachers must be understanding but excuses no one in misbehaving. Effortless in attaining academic progress. Still to expect to achieve and behave well.

3. Effective teachers must be transparent on what they wanted the student to learn. Moreover, a teacher must know where their pupils currently are, then work together on the development and mastery of the skills needed to be demonstrated.

4. Effective teachers employ critical thinking for them to develop deeper understanding on the lesson being taught for further learning on the knowledge and skills that may develop higher order thinking skills.

5. Effective teachers set as models to the learners first, avoid asking students to perform tasks which is strange to the pupils.

6. Effective teachers must give feedbacks on everything that they have accomplished for them to improve more and not to repeat errors anymore committed, because feedback helps the pupils to adjust on everything in planning for the next task.

7. Effective teacher must conduct activities that may involve learning from each other such as cooperative learning, contest or competition and peer learning. Prohibit teacher centered discussion.

8. Effective teachers must be aware and responsive on the students’ behavior in the class. It must be clear to the teachers that misbehavior hinders learning not only to the pupil itself but also to others remember that it may interrupt the ongoing discussion. Implementation of positive discipline can change embedded bad habits.

9. Effective teachers must regularly assess the progress of the pupils. Evaluating the pupils progress can give insight to the teacher to continue or discontinue the teaching approach implemented. This will be a self-reflection on the teacher’s part.
10. Effective teachers must be open for further learning and must be open for a change. They must be innovative for the students to learn. Teachers as the manager in the classroom must be aware to the pupils’ success in learning. A teacher has always a room for improvement.

These principles of teaching may assist a teacher to reflect on her own .. Remember that there’s no such specific strategy in teaching however understanding our learners strength and weaknesses and attending to their needs would help a teacher to help the learners become successful and could make a difference in the life of a child.

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