UNDERSTANDING THE CHILD AND ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT AS AN EDUCATOR

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Some teachers sincerely confused as to why students play up in their classes. They have overlooked of what they are teaching are children or teenagers rather than their subject. A continued understanding of child development is what helps the teachers differentiate their developments to suit the learners in front of them. Knowledge of child development and applying that knowledge to classrooms gives the teachers a better understanding of the individuals they work with. As an educator, they are the first one who will serve as a guide, a mentor, who quickly understands and advocates every important role in life in the development and to nurture every child’s mind. Teacher’s part with this matter is very crucial. It depends on them if a child will grow with improvement or there will be a consistent result. They are the professionals who will care for and link with their students’ future and success.

The provision of engaging the teachers in some field of experience that includes culminating experience in relation to the teaching and learning that will surely inculcate for every members of the society. As education is said to be a complex problem – solving endeavors, as an educator, they should be competent to all aspects to support the demand in the diverse work of teaching. A teacher needs to understand what a child at a certain age should developmentally be able to do. A big mistake teachers often make is to try to teach students something they are not developmentally ready for.

Understanding the child and adolescent development is not just that easy to handle. An educator should embrace its essence in order to fully initiate a full understanding on it. It is a specialized field that needs to possess special skills in order to
recognize as one of those exceptionally good educators. Education is a form of child development, and an important one, so for a teacher to be well versed in the study of child development is key to their effectiveness. This knowledge helps a teacher to appropriately plan and develop content and complexity of the lessons and curriculum he/she is going to bring to a classroom.

Establishing a strong foundation among the teaching and learning methods in subject and discipline areas, should be incorporated to the four core values: citizenship, inquiry, diversity and leadership. With these, an educator is flexible enough and is qualified to handle, to care and to understand the children’s progress and development. Their ability of having a wide perspective towards this understanding can uplift the level of their intellectual capabilities on developing their professional lives as an educator.

The focus of this development will see to it that as an educator, he can then amplify the students’ voice for these can give them life and have the courage to stand up and make a change. The teacher plays the role of a facilitator and he considers this as his moral duty to help every learner to aspire as one of those nation builder that is globally competitive and will contribute a lot to elucidate the current educational issues.

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