UNDERSTANDING THE SCHOOL CHILD AS A LEARNER

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If a teacher wants to succeed in her teaching profession, an understanding of who the learner is must be considered. The school child is a person who needs guidance and tender loving care during the stages of his development. He needs assistance to learn basic skills such as those of ethical values, skills in reading, communication, and attaining knowledge in different areas. He must also be assisted and molded in developing his potentials in the field of art like drawing, singing, dancing, painting and the likes.

To fully understand the growth and development of a child, a teacher must also know his phases of development and how a child interacts with his environment because his interaction with the things around him and its forces will produce change and will greatly affect his behaviour. The kind of environment where a child lives will influence the many phases of his life. His interaction with people like his family, the people around the school, the discipline of his parents and teachers, and other persons who are present in his activities has something to do with his attitudes and performance.

A teacher needs to be aware that the child must also be trained thru insightful learning. He must be trained on how to express himself and how to answer questions. Research shows that a child who was given chances in doing these things are more intelligent, creative and imaginative.

If we were able to understand the child as a learner, growth and fast development will proceed in the early years of their life. As teachers and parents, let us provide them with appropriate home and school trainings that are valuable to them if we want to see them become productive and valuable.