Teaching entails huge responsibilities that one can imagine. Not only do you need the knowledge of different subjects in order to pass it on, but a variety of other skills is also deemed necessary to keep every unique individual to be interested from beginning up to end of the lesson. This can provide you with a real challenge, but as we are about to find out, it becomes far easier when you begin to develop new teaching skills and techniques.

But greater challenge awaits us educators in this time of pandemic. The challenge is more on how to continue with education while taking into consideration the safety and health of the learners on the new normal setting. We are updated that learning competencies has been reduced to 60 percent which is found on the Most Essential Learning Competencies. We have to learn the synchronous and asynchronous type of learning as distance learning delivery learning. We need to upgrade our skills in the use of technology. We have to keep abreast of the different learning platforms such as Zoom, Google Meet, Facebook Room and others. We have to open our communication to our parents and pupils for the delivery of the lessons.

Time management plays a vital role to keep up with the New Normal setting. Organizing yourself in the right way actually saves time in the long run, though at that moment, it can seem too strenuous to bother with. Creating an easy-to-follow, realistic schedule; by putting aside time slots during the week where you will dedicate yourself to specific jobs, you can ensure you complete all of your tasks in advance-something which benefits both you and your students. Keeping up with the weekly accomplishment plan and preparing a monitoring card for the parents will be of great help.
We may feel anxious at some time but we have to remember that at this point of time, we as educators are called to work even harder for the Filipino children. We may have apprehension on how are we going to teach when we do not have the normal classroom setting. But our organization is preparing us for this. Webinars are being conducted to upskill and reskill us teachers. Trainings and LAC sessions are done as to how to deliver instruction through distance learning.

As to what the UNICEF Chief Director pointed out, “We need to come together and explore every avenue to keep children learning and help them through this difficult time”. Let’s make learning happen.

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