WHAT MAKES A GOOD GRADE ONE TEACHER?

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Teaching is one of the most challenging jobs today yet fulfilling. Though it demands broad knowledge in the subject matter, curriculum and standards; knowledge of discipline and classroom management styles; still, it is fulfilling in the sense of making a difference in the lives of young people.

Challenging, yes, especially when you are catering young minds particularly first grade pupils. First grade is an exciting time of transition for our little ones where attention span is very much challenging, hyperactive in all aspects, attention seekers, and most of the time emotional intolerable.

As published on the web page of responsive classroom, first graders often come to school brimming over with enthusiasm and excitement for learning, life, friends, and interests. Theirs is an age commonly marked by tremendous growth, lost teeth, great emotional highs, and, less frequently, some pretty low lows. First graders make big plans, jump into projects with both feet, work at a breakneck pace, and don’t want to miss a thing.

Though it is psychologically proven that most children at this age have limited attention span, this grade level serves a very important role in establishing the educational, behavioral, social work foundational skills required for their holistic development. A collection of first grade classroom management ideas can help prevent problem for teachers, helping them and their young students enjoy and learn more on their time together.

Hoping that this ten list of gems will inspire you;
1. Welcome your pupils not just with your smile but of course with a big colorful, bulletin board.

   This serves a variety of information and making learning visible on what we value and offer time for reflection.

2. Establish a culture of kindness.

   Creating unique classroom community which support children to become a respectful and nurturing climate of respect.

3. Assign jobs.

   Value their leadership and self-discipline by giving them assigned task in order to them to feel that they are worthy and valued.

4. Read them stories every day.

   This ensures that the pupils is expose to various vocabulary on different topics that leads on their early reading skills.

5. Use games to teach.

   As proven, games make children to collaborate, communicate, interact and work in teams. This might help them to enjoy learning while having fun.

6. Call-and-response to get their attention.

   A time-tested technique for getting attention through fun or inspiring statement.

7. Let your students create personal note walls.
Instead of having one class note wall, let your pupils create and post their own personal notes as they will love showcasing their skills.

8. Create classroom portfolios for pupils.

Use portfolios to return work and have pupils write and deliver letters to each other.

9. Build relationships with your pupils’ parents.

Having a good working atmosphere between teachers and parents is a really important part of a pupil’s academic achievement and reading ability.

10. Play with your kids!

It adds to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children and offers an ideal opportunity to all members of the class to engage fully with the activities.

References:

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