WHY MOTIVATION MATTERS

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Whenever we write down our daily lesson plan or daily log, one essential part of it is the motivation. It may come in the form of a song, a game or even a simple question. Why is that so? For a teacher of thirteen years in service like me, the reasons are simply because, to catch the attention of the pupils, to gain their interest, to drive their minds into the lesson and to meet the goal of the daily lessons.

Many teachers plainly motivate their pupils to have a harmonious teacher-student relationship in class. Neither have they known, there is more to have in motivating our students in whatever they do than gaining their attentions before conducting the daily lesson.

If we will go down deeper, we can dig many reasons why we should motivate our students. An american researcher studied, proved and published these reasons at www.education.com.

1. Motivation Helps Children Keep their Eyes on the Prize

Motivated children move forward because there is a good result at the end, and his drive is at the highest peak just for him to meet his goals.

2. Motivation Pushes children to go the Extra Mile

Motivated children exert extra effort and make his actions go the extra mile. The increased energy, effort, and enthusiasm put forth for tasks keeps the adrenaline going.

3. Motivated children overcome obstacles

Motivation makes every child persevering and dedicated to win a task. His drive leads him in the finishing line.

4. Motivation Ignites a Fire in His Brain
Motivation ignites ideas embedded in the child’s thinking. People who are well motivated wanted to accomplished a task. Motivated children are well driven to carry out what they supposed to do.

5. Motivation Insinuates either Reward or a Punishment

Many times we feel motivated just because two things are ahead of us. It’s either we'll gain a reward or a punishment, and these situations drive us stronger to finish a task to meet what is at the end of it.

6. Extrinsic Motivation Molds One’s Behavior

Extrinsic motivation includes the idea that external and tangible materials are used to inspire or drive a person. Usually it is because of these material things that we wanted for ourselves that make us move. Like for example, a child will study his lessons because he wanted a new toy which his parents promised him.

7. Intrinsic Motivation : The drive from within

Intrinsic motivation is the sum of encouragement and determination, factors that arouse from the internal aspect of an individual. Intrinsic stimulus that is in the integral part a child that he can only create. Ideally, intrinsic motivation is more powerful than extrinsic one.

Upon reading this article, I can truly say that there is much more to have than gaining our pupils’ attention. Moreover, it is on their benefits that we must prioritized. Motivation is primarily for the pupils' sake and not entirely for the teachers. After all, we are a learner-centered government agency and our top priority is the pupils’ well-being and development.

Reference: Motivation Matters www.education.com