

Best Teaching Practices Conference

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Role of Teaching Strategy in Effective Learning

It is not the subject of the teaching which is to be changed it is the conscious with which a teacher teaches that must be enlightened.

Teaching profession is very varied one. The job of school teacher is very different from the job a college professor as different material and methods are used at different levels but certain aspects of teaching are same for all levels – e.g the teacher must plan the lessons and present them in such a way that it inculcates the interest in the students and help them understand what is being taught. This is where teaching strategy plays a very crucial role.

Primary principle of true teaching is that nothing can be taught. He doesn't actually train the pupil's mind he only shows him how to perfect the instrument of knowledge. Teacher shows him how to acquire knowledge for himself he does not call forth the knowledge that is within. He only shows him where it lies and how it can be habituated to rise to the surface .The distinction that reserves this principle for the teaching of adolescent and adult mind denies its application to the child, is a conservative and unintelligent doctrine.

Technology has touched nearly every aspect of life-from food you have for dinner to the ways you spend the leisure time. Agriculture, industry, energy and nowadays, even education are some of the fields that have been more deeply affected by development of technology. As the technology is becoming more advanced, people develop organized ways to study and learn why and how things work. The usage of computer applications in teaching also provide information / knowledge that could be developed to new technological advances, thus technology in turn has provided better tools and methods to help students in their work. Teachers, through their teaching skills, with the usage of advanced technology, can create ways to make the teaching environment around them interesting. They can even change the learning environment according to the want and need of the topic.

The greatest reason to adopt technology and make it inclusive part of teaching strategy is the desire to make teaching / learning more interesting and it seems to be a universal trait.

The pace of technological change has increased in 20th century. Change now take place so fast and the time between the discovery and its effect on people is very short. Technology itself is responsible for this fast pace of change through improvement in transportation and communication.

Latest century has brought an explosion in technology in many areas – e.g computer has become a basic tool in research and development. Improvement in communication has enabled people to speak directly with others thousands of miles away and to instantly spread information around the world.

Till a few years back, education culture was firmly dug into the rock of received knowledge ie. in such a culture nobody asked why a certain body of information happens to be equated with education but today the things have changed many fold. Teaching strategy is adopted in such a manner that it has the ability to look at things from child's point of view. Children are interested in all kinds of things and can develop interest in just about any form of knowledge on depending upon how it is presented to them. Student cannot be expected to articulate their views of the worth of something as abstract as knowledge and liking expressed by children keep changing as they grow older therefore **the best teaching strategy is to think on behalf of children.**

Teaching Strategy should emphasize upon presenting lecture in such a manner in which the subject matter could be effectively learnt. It should be designed / framed up where it can meet the challenge to impart ability to ask question.

Enormous loads of factual knowledge make them clueless and meek whatever shape the lesson takes, teacher needs to move towards an emphasis on explanation and ability to articulate. **Lesson should begin with clearly stated purpose which is reviewed at the conclusion. Emphasis should be more on understanding and less on justifying an interpretation of story.**

Teaching strategy using technology should be such that it emphasizes deep thinking, develop interest and help to develop child's mental faculties, imagination and judgment, which in turn enhances the joy of progress of learning.

Rather than remaining dispenser of information, the teachers is expected to act as a facilitator of activities that are likely to cause effective learning, enabling learners to become active participants in the process of learning.

The theory driven curriculum practice teaching needs to be reformulated, if not totally dispensed with, to strengthen professionalism in teaching. Teachers should adopt latest technological know how in their own professional practices. If we as teachers organize everything - our thoughts, content presentations around the psychic center, which is the inner light, we will see that all inner discord will change into luminous order.

Since, I teach Economics at +2 level, I wish to supplement my content with the following example contained in the attached Powerpoint file.

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