

THE MAIN ELEMENT OF THE KEY TO SUCCESS

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Education is the key: to success, to good future, and to learning. Children are sent to school at a very young age to learn basic principles and gain knowledge. These knowledges enable them to rise from being a bamboo shoot into a tall, unbreakable bamboo tree. With education as their weapon, they have all the means to reach every goal they desire. But the questions are: "How do you stuff knowledge inside those little minds?", "Who is the one responsible for making learning easy and fun?". Simple answer is, "the teacher".

We call them Ma'am, Sir or Teacher. We've known them since nursery. But do we really understand their vital role in our life? Teaching is not just a job, it is a profession. A teacher undergoes education and trainings to be able to be called a professional one. Great effort and patience are required to be able to last in this field of work. Aside from that, a teacher should be talented, artistic, enthusiastic, refined, dependable, responsible and friendly. Flexibility in personality and teaching strategies are also needed. The love and compassion towards students should come naturally. Students should feel as if they are part of a one big happy family.

Teachers must also see to it that students are comfortable and satisfied with their environment. They should lessen/eliminate bad influences like bullying, drugs, alcohols, bad words and habits that students don't need. Looking out on student's mental and emotional state are teacher's responsibility as well as developing their cognitive, psychomotor, affective and social skills. A safe and danger-free classroom should also given to students. Every rooms must be well-ventilated, well-lighted, spacious, clean and fresh looking. This will highly affect students' eagerness/mood in learning. Aside from

students with normal attributes, there are also teachers who handle children with special needs/disabilities. Taking care of them requires twice effort as in normal classes. Special facilities and classrooms are allotted specifically to suit their educational needs, and support the continuity of their learning.

Teaching and learning goes hand in hand. Teachers study, teach, study. This means, before introducing the lesson, they take time to review and study the topic to make sure that he/she is giving the correct information. Also, to be more efficient in the chosen field, teachers enroll in Masters and Doctoral degrees. They still undergo intensive and extensive trainings and seminars to learn new strategies and improve their skills. These trainings also enable them to adapt to the fast changing trends in education.

Truly, education is the key but the element that makes up this key is non other than the teachers who never gets tired of teaching, learning, supporting, smiling, and loving every student for the rest of their lives.

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