

COMMON BEHAVIORAL KINDERGARTEN PROBLEMS

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Being a kindergarten teacher is a big challenge. You will be dealing with several five-year-old children of different personalities and abilities. As loco parentis, a kinder teacher could easily identify problems that could affect the learning of kindergarten pupils.

Here are some of the common behavioral problems a kinder teacher could encounter and how they can be dealt with properly.

Refusing to follow directions because they are engrossed in playing and still do not want to engage in learning activities. In this situation, games could be utilized to facilitate the teaching-learning process. Game-based instruction is effective in making them learn while they are enjoying it.

Misbehaving to catch the undivided attention of the teacher is another problem. There are instances when they intentionally become bully or unruly to have the teacher's attention. This can be avoided if you as the teacher will make them understand that it is a need for you to divide your time among them. You can utilize a creative story using them as the characters about misbehaving children and the importance of being considerate to their classmates and the need why teachers need to look also to their other classmates.

Temper tantrum to get out of their frustration. As a kinder teacher, you should be ready in case of tantrum triggers that could affect the whole class if not dealt with properly. Children who find the lesson difficult are the ones who usually do this. In this

case, you should give them extra time and assistance for them to cope. Remember also to keep your cool and understand your pupil's emotions.

Some struggle with anxiety. Experiencing anxiety in school is common especially to preschoolers because this is the stage of their lives wherein they fear to do things alone or fear of not seeing their parents around. You can help them by acknowledging their fear and talking to them about it. Encourage them to do on their own and do not forget to praise them if they have accomplished a task. Letting them do relaxing ice breakers while in school will also help a lot.

These are only a few among other behavioral problems of kinder learners. Although dealing with these could challenge your patience, you will surely learn a lot from it. Just always remember that we as teachers have a big influence in correcting our pupils' misbehavior. The first early years of the children's education could be harrowing not only for them but also to parents and teachers but if you as the teacher could handle these problems well, the children will surely succeed in the higher years of their education.

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