

TEACHING THE CARE FOR ENVIRONMENT

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Now that we experience different environmental phenomena in our areas, we have to think twice because we may be a contributor to what are happening presently in the world. It is about time that we have to expand and increase our concerns in order to protect Mother Earth.

As teachers, we have the power to educate and influence the youth around us in order to make them aware of the condition of the world and the cause of its degradation. It is indeed necessary for us to use our voices in providing information of the present status and dissemination of the possible ways to help people save the earth from its ruin.

Aside from the information that parents tell to their children about the protection of the environment, the teacher in school must start teaching these learners on the current situation and on the means to care for the environment.

In school, the teacher must have a comprehensive presentation of knowledge and information about the world. Through teaching instructions, the schoolchildren may acquire all the data regarding Mother Earth, the benefits we gain from it, its importance and its present state. Through the said knowledge our learners will be made aware and abreast with the things that they should know.

Another thing to emphasize is what are really happening in the world right now. Enumerate the damages that are made and cite how people contributed to these injuries or harm on Mother Earth. It is important for teachers to explain the roots causes of the changes in the world right now like global warming, ozone depletion, pollution and among others.

We need to teach our youngsters on how to protect the environment. Taking care and protecting the environment should not only be taught in science subjects or course but instead it should be integrated and incorporated in other learning areas so that the impact would be great.

Teachers in school also serve as role models in conserving natural resources and in maintaining the cleanliness of the environment. Also, they should educate the young people on the 3 R's which are Reuse, Reduce and Recycle. By simple means in the classroom, the schoolchildren will learn on how to take care of the environment.

Moreover, during class hours the teacher may provide educational videos to learners that feature the caring and protection of Mother Earth. By means of technology the advocacy on environmental protection and conservation may be realized.

We teachers have the ability to educate the youth on taking care of the environment, in a wider sense in taking care of the world where we live. This is our own planet and we need to love it!

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