

WHAT DID WE LEARN FROM HOMESCHOOLING?

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As the pandemic directly hit the learning environments, it questioned the possibilities of remote learning modalities. When the only choice is to study at home and online, many struggle to adjust because of various factors. Today, we see that homeschooling did its thing to be the best option for education amidst the pandemic.

At first, we are clueless about how students will continue learning when a pandemic is present. We are hopeless about how everyone will adjust to the situation when not every student has access to the internet and gadgets to learn online. In the beginning, schools are hesitant about what to do in order to teach and still provide quality education. When the Department of Education announced the opening of classes, schools offered modalities for students to use whatever is applicable to them. They offered printed modules for students that cannot attend online classes and for those who are in remote areas. This homeschooling option became the mainstay of schools around the world, it mended the lack of physical learning and became the best learning arena for students.

Students acquired the skill to learn independently. While having classes at home, it is the students who handled their time and focus to gain knowledge in a home setting. They become more independent in learning on their own.

Technology and communication became more relevant. Not only learners but also teachers acquired the skill to use technology and take advantage of innovation in this world. Technology bridged the distant communication among people, the internet and

devices linked far better and safe communication amongst everyone. It became accessible to reach one house to another without going outside and being physically present.

Today, as schools begin to open once again, and face-to-face classes are starting, we are again slowly getting back to normal. The norms and challenges of this pandemic happened to be the knowledge and skill we didn't seem to be acquired by everyone. This homeschooling setting amidst a pandemic taught us to be independent and taught us to face harder challenges.

When we see the education within this pandemic, it really questioned on how students and teachers will adjust to this unfamiliar setting. This tested the capabilities of 21st-century learners to acquire skills thru practice and knowledge. It molded students to be more ambitious, critical, and relevant. This means that when we know how to progress along the changes of this shifting world, we can stand more challenges in the future and adjust accordingly.

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