

## TENDER LOVING CARE FOR LEARNERS

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All of us teachers experience an almost similar scenario, if not entirely like this. Take a look.

It's another day in school. You come to school, ready for your class. Your pupils greet you and think everyone is fine. Until you check the attendance. One of them is missing- Let's call her Pepe. You shook your hand. He's absent again. You continued teaching. It's almost time for the second subject when someone pops up at the door. It's Pepe. He's late in class. You want to reprimand him for being late but you noticed, he was crying. It turned out that his parents were fighting before he went to school.

A familiar scene, isn't it? Well, it happened to many of us. There are many Pepes in our school who need more than just academic supervision, but parental guidance and care as well. Most of them didn't get enough love at home and this affects their behaviors in school.

They need our love and care. It is not a secret how children treat their teachers like they are their parents. Some found motherly or fatherly images in their teachers. This is also a great help for them as they can see that their teachers are their "safe person", their inspiration, someone who can understand and guide them.

There are countless stories of hope and inspiration wherein a seemingly problematic student had a heartfelt conversation with his teacher. The teacher helps him change for the better. In the end, the so-called problematic student succeeded. One of the

factors that may be highly likely to contribute to this is the motherly guidance the teacher offered.

Nowadays, stories like these still exist. There are still countless learners, who are in dire need of guidance, understanding, and care, more than instructional supervision. We as teachers, are on a mission- to guide our students.

It is good if we are kind of teachers who are smart and eloquent. However, it is also better if we are teachers with tender loving care.

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