

CHARACTERISTICS OF EFFECTIVE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS

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Teaching in kindergarten is regarded as a very challenging job because it requires a lot of dedication to develop the young minds of the learners who have just started their basic foundational skills in education. Despite the challenges, this can also be a rewarding feeling for us teachers especially when we see them learn the basics of reading and writing.

Getting along with five-year-old children requires some character traits to ensure the success of the teaching-learning process. Being a kinder teacher for almost a decade led me to identify the characteristics a kinder teacher must possess in her/his daily interactions with the children. Here are some of them:

1. A kinder teacher must have a passion for teaching.

If you only consider teaching as a job, it will be so tiring. But if you love and enjoy teaching and dealing with your kinder pupils, you will also be able to encourage them as well to have a love for learning. Although teaching them is truly a demanding task, your passion will keep you motivated and resilient in times of struggle.

2. A kinder teacher should be patient.

Patience is said to be the ability to maintain a good attitude even under difficult circumstances. Understanding the nature of young children and dealing with them with patience would help you handle conflicts that may occur. You need a lot of patience, especially in dealing with slow, struggling, and mischievous learners. Patience will allow

you to nurture and support them and create an encouraging and motivating environment for them.

3. A kinder teacher must be enthusiastic.

A teacher's enthusiasm is a great motivating factor in getting the attention of the pupils during learning sessions. At their age, kinder pupils are very energetic which is why being enthusiastic as their teacher matters. Remember also that being enthusiastic is contagious. If the teacher shows excitement while teaching, the children will feel your energy thus making them more enthusiastic and energetic to participate.

4. A kinder teacher should be creative.

Creativity can lead you to craft instructional materials that are appealing to the pupils. The application of this characteristic is also important on room structuring. Designing creative lessons will capture their interests and make learning fun and engaging for them. The classroom will turn into an inspiring place to stay and learn if you are a creative teacher.

5. A kinder teacher is resourceful.

Resourcefulness is an essential characteristic every teacher should have. You should be resourceful in providing learning materials that could facilitate your teaching-learning process. It is a challenge for us to produce engaging materials despite limited time, materials, and resources.

6. A kinder teacher should be an artist.

This is very important, especially during storytelling. Pupils enjoy more when the teacher portrays characters. Teaching them also involves singing, dancing, and crafting artwork. Above all kindergarten teachers are artists that give color and paint knowledge and joy in the young minds and hearts of their learners.

These are only some of the characteristics a kindergarten teacher should possess. It is said that the teacher herself is already an instructional aid to the learners. Just be the best teacher that you can be for you never know when your influence will stop.

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