TIPS IN KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM STRUCTURING

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Classrooms are said to be the second home of our pupils. Classroom design serves as a motivating factor for pupils to come to school regularly. Classroom structuring could also facilitate the teaching-learning process. This task of Kinder teachers is very crucial since they need to prepare an environment of learning that will motivate their kinder learners who will be starting to develop their foundation skills.

What makes a kinder classroom conducive to learning? Here are some of the tips a Kinder teacher should do:

Different sections of the room should be planned and creatively structured. Some of these areas and corners include the Activity Center where tables, chairs, and space for activities should be available, the Blocks and Play area where toys, mock-ups, and group plays will be done, the Dramatic Arts Area which contains the stuffed toys, puppets and dolls, the Story-Telling Area where the teacher and learners gather for story time. Provide also corners which will serve as room exhibit of the children's outputs. Children including their parents would like to see their children's work or performance outputs.

Tables and chairs should be appropriate to the size of the pupils. They could be painted with attractive colors or could be dressed for maintenance and aesthetic purposes. Arrangement depends on the activities for learning. It is important to ensure that children will have enough space to move freely and safely. Proper arrangement can also give them a comfortable setting to enjoy while they are learning.

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There should be a wash area so pupils can wash their hands after work and before they eat their snacks. We should bear in mind that kindergarten is a crucial time when children start to develop their self-care skills and proper hygiene. It could help them foster a sense of independence and responsibility if they have a designated area where they can wash their hands, clean themselves, or brush their teeth. Having this area will also help you as teachers to establish regular routines in your class such as washing before and after recess and play time.

Comfort room should be maintained clean. We all know that being young, they are highly prone to germs and infections that is why having a clean comfort room is a must to reduce the risk of illness and ensure their health and safety. According to studies, clean and well-maintained comfort rooms have a positive psychological impact on learners helping them to be at ease and relaxed while using it. It will have an inviting feeling for them to use thus reducing cases of pooping in their school uniform.

Classroom should be free from any harmful materials that could pose a threat to the safety of the learners. Above anything else, the safety of the learners should come first. Remove school furniture with sharp edges. As much as possible refrain from using floor wax that could make the floor slippery. Ensure also that there is proper ventilation. You should also be careful in storing cleaning supplies and sharp objects. Make sure they are stored locked in cabinets or out of children's reach. Even in choosing coloring materials, teachers must be careful. You should let them use non-toxic school materials like crayons, markers, and clay.

Room structuring would also require a budget. You could tap parents as your strategic partner to help you provide their children with a safe and conducive learning environment. Taking into consideration the above-mentioned mention tips, you will surely create a child-friendly, safe, and motivating learning environment for your young learners.

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