

Little Eyes Upon You - On Class Management

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*"There are little eyes upon you
And they're watching night and day.
There are little ears that quickly
Take in every word you say.
There are little hands all eager to do anything you do;
And a little boy who's dreaming
Of the day he'll be like you.
You're the little fellow's idol.
You're the wisest of the wise.
In his little mind about you,
No suspicions ever rise.
He believes in you devoutly,
holds all you say and do;
He will say and do, in your way.
When he's grown up like you.
There's a wide-eyed little fellow
Who believes you're always right,
And his eyes are always opened,
And he watches day and night.
You are setting an example
every day in all you do,
To grow up to be like you.*

~Source Unknown, submitted by Ronald Deblstern~

Teaching art is, as a matter of fact, a feeling, regardless of how long you are with the class, no matter what subject you teach. The art of class management is, sensitively, based on the mutual trust, respect and love between you and your students. In spite of teacher's busy routines everyday, have you ever hold your breath for just a short while to think what exactly you are after for the quality

of teaching career. To be honest, it is indeed never too late to do a self-reflection.

Under the drastic living environment, our kids are subject to different views of attitude in the cultivating of their characters, they could be :

- 1) easy come, easy go
- 2) totally isolated in their own world
- 3) keeping optimistic at all time
- 4) sensitive and/or vulnerable
- 5) strong character, being not satisfied with everything they encounter
- 6) obedient to everything they're told
- 7) and many other types of personality

While we are exploring which type our students are, why don't we think about ourselves as

their daily mirror in class. Try to exchange feelings with our students, they could be motivated because of our positive input in guiding their way of thinking :

- * teaching them to observe life and respect life
- * listening to their hearts, respecting their choices
- * allowing them time to sense the nature
- * showing them to appreciate the mountain, river, tree, flowers or even

the grass

- * leading them to observe little animals, people around them
- * empowering them with right to cry, laugh or even get mad, sometimes
- * ...

After all these, we finally happen to know that we are entitled to so much authority to help each individual child, not only teaching them to learn from the textbooks, but also leading them to progress along with their feeling to life. We are, no doubt, their tour guide in their school life. "There are little eyes upon you." That's why, I enjoy to be a teacher. It's a never ending job, surrounded by all kinds of challenges including dealing with knowledge and people. There lies great sense of achievement, though, that someday, you may receive a phone call from your student to wish you good for a special occasion, and tell you that she is thinking of your class before or someday when you are walking on the street, you student is not afraid of stepping forward to say hello to you...

"Love is everything. It is the key to life. And its influences are these that move the world." Taking the post of Director of Counseling Division this year, I am eager to share with you - especially with every teacher in elementary school, that little eyes upon you and me and we are as important as what we do!