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SOME INNOVATIVE METHODS TO MAKE TEACHING MORE EFFECTIVE

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Abstract

Education is vital to the pace of the social, political and economic development of any nation, so effective teaching is very essential. Effective teaching is important because teaching is based on helping student progress from one level to another in more sociable interactive environment and to get the approach right to get students to be independent learners. Effectiveness does not mean being perfect or giving wonderful performance, but bringing out the best in students. The biggest challenge for any teacher is capturing each student attention and conveying ideas effectively enough to create a lasting impression. As a teacher to tackle this challenge he should effectively implement innovative ideas that make the classroom experience much more lovable for students. Traditional teaching techniques based on mainly on a teacher explaining a topic and students taking notes, may still be useful on occasion, but education today revolves more around encouraging the student to awaken their curiosity and desire to learn.

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Introduction

A teaching method comprises the principles and methods used by teachers to enable student learning. These strategies are

determined partly on subject matter to be taught and partly by the nature of the learner. For a particular teaching method to be appropriate and efficient if it has to be in relation with the characteristic of the learner and the type of learning it is supposed to bring about. Suggestions are there to design and selection of teaching methods must take in to account not only the nature of the subject matter but also how student learn. Many different teaching techniques have emerged due to this change in education. Many of these teaching techniques are not actually new however. The use of technology in the classroom has simply given education a new lease of life allowing us to approach old ideas in innovative ways. We believe that finding new and innovating methods of teaching is a crucial skill for all teachers. Brain research has shown that certain methods and approaches can truly enhance the learning process, and done right, applying innovative learning and attention-management techniques to classes is a win for both students and teachers. So, here are some ideas that will help to teachers for reinvent his teaching methods and make his classes more interesting.

Objectives

To strengthen teacher's skills in making teaching-learning process more effective.

To attract and retain learner's attention.

To generate interest across various levels of students.

To encourage creativity and higher order thinking in teachers in a way that increase students' performance.

To develop lesson plans that are simple and easy to follow.

To develop positive attitude among the students through effective teaching.

To make class more interactive and interesting.

To develop an effective, positive and flexible teaching style

To focus on student-centred approach.

Innovative methods for effective teaching

Good teaching practices is a key influence on a student learning and primary goal of higher education. Teachers strive to meet the principles of effective teaching to provide the best learning experience for their students. Innovative teaching is necessary for the present and future of education to help students to reach their full potential. Following are some innovative methods which provides effective teaching.

1. Creative Teaching

The act of teaching in a novel and useful way that promotes student growth related to the development of original thought and action. Creative teaching focuses both on the methods a teacher uses to deliver learning and the overall effect those methods have on students and the outcomes produced. This is a time-tested method to identify every student's creative abilities and encourage creative contributions. Bring aspects of creativity into all subjects be it mathematics, economics or History. Think of ways to develop their creative ideas. Encourage different ideas give them freedom to explore. Take the help of tools to stimulate creativity. Include playful games or forms of visual exercises that will excite young minds and capture their interest.

2. Group Discussion

Discussion method of teaching is a group activity involving the teacher and the student to define the problem and find its solution. This method also describes as a constructive process involving listening, thinking and speaking ability of the students. Group discussion is student centered strategy in which students are divided into groups and they are encouraged to discuss on the given topic. Teacher supervises them and provide guidance to make discussion fruitful. This is the interesting method involves participation of each student and emphasis on learning instead of teaching. Students during discussion get training in

reflective thinking which leads to deeper understanding of the subject. During discussion every student is required to express his ideas and opinions in a clear and concise manner which provides ample opportunities to the students for training in self-expression. It helps students to increase their confidence on sharing their own ideas. This method made students become more mature, self-guided and interdependent individual. Group discussion able to live and work with others in a cooperative, productive and responsible way. It helps to understand a subject deeper and improves capacity to think critically. It increases the self-confidence of students in speaking and improves his listening skills also. More effective learning is possible when the students discuss, criticize and share ideas on a problem. Active participation by the students in the discussion makes learning full of interest for the students. This also ensures better and effective learning.

3. Audio and visual tools

The audio-visual aids are important tools for teaching learning process. It helps the teacher to present the lesson effectively and students learn and retain the concepts better and for longer duration. Use of audio visual aids improves students critical and analytical thinking. Incorporate audio visual materials to supplement textbooks during sessions. These can be models, filmstrips, movies, pictures, info graphics or other mind mapping and brain mapping tools. Such tools will help to grow their imagination power. This interactive method will not only develop the student's ability to listen, but will also help them understand the concepts better. Audio visual tools provides opportunities for effective communication between teachers and students in learning. For example, in a study on English as Foreign Language (EFL) classroom, the difficulties faced by EFL learner are lack of motivation and exposure to the target language and lack of pronunciation by teacher, and such difficulties can be overcome by audio as purpose

of communication and visual are more exposure.

4. Teaching outside the classroom

Some lessons are best learnt, when they are taught outside of the classroom. Teaching and learning can become inherently spontaneous and student centred when moved from the confines of the classroom into the real world. Learning outside the classroom is a vehicle to develop the capacity to learn. This enables students to construct their own learning and live successfully in the world that surrounds them. Organize field trips that are relevant to the lessons or just simply take students for a walk outside of the classroom. Students will find this fresh and exciting and without taking much effort, they will learn and remember what teacher teach them more effectively. In outdoor learning students not only work together but they will also be provided with opportunities to learn the sense of responsibility and sense of accomplishment, which helps to build their self-esteem and self-confidence. There is convincing research that suggest good quality learning outside the classroom which adds significant value to the students learning. Effective learning outside the classroom relies on problem solving skills, cooperation and interpersonal communication which all are essential skills for today's students.

5. Teaching with Digital Technology

There is no denying that we now live in a digital world, and still there are some teachers who lack access to use technology in the classroom. So, it is needing to focus on understanding the potential and use of digital technologies for best impact in teaching. Digital teaching is any type of teaching that uses technology. Digital technologies are electronic tools, systems, devices and resources that generate, store and process data. Well known examples include multimedia, online games, social media and mobile phones. Use of various multimedia resources adds enthusiasm in the classrooms. Students enjoy distinctive resources

and variety of these resources keep students engaged and interested in the classroom throughout. Multimedia can stimulate more than one sense at a time, and in doing so, educators reach all diverse types of learners and hold student's attention longer. The diverse types of multimedia create amore collaborative classroom and allows the students to communicate and apply what they are learning and enhancing the overall educational experience.

Everybody uses and enjoys social media so when this social media is used for teaching purposes, it turns out to be of significant use. Students love being social, collaborating, sharing and exchanging ideas. Various important aspects that are integral part of teaching like collaboration and interactions can happen seamlessly via social media. Not just that it is being used by all but it also enables teacher to keep thinks all checked up and helps him in assigning task and other class related activities effortlessly. Social media also plays a vital role about keeping guardians updated about the student, students' performance and other college activities. Various platforms like Twitter, Facebook, Research Gate are being used by educators worldwide.

Gamification is the best part about tech integration. That things which students get to learn while gaming are the best things. There are different educational games are available on internet which helps students to learn important concepts by playing it. Using educational games is one of the best way to use technology in the classrooms to make students eager for learning. Technology nurtures artistic expression. Technology helps to teachers and students connect to people around the world and they can get in touch with experts. These all technological tools provide forms of artistic communication for students.

Conclusion

Traditional teaching techniques used

repetition and memorization of information to educate students, it means that they were not developing their critical thinking, problem solving and decision-making skills. Modern learning encourages students to collaborate and therefore be more productive. The information and communication technology has made many innovations in in the field of teaching. The teaching would be highly effective if the teachers start to use the above mentioned recent multimedia technologies extensively in the conventional mode of teaching. These methods should be helpful in enhancing the creativity amongst the students.

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