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Preface

Teaching is a one of the noble professions and to the surprise of many, the most trusted profession in the world, next comes nursing. To teach is to preach and there has to hence some innovation in teaching practices with the march of time. We just can not teach the way we were taught and there comes the importance of "200 WOW TEACHING IDEAS" towards quality spectrum for all at all levels of teaching and learning.

I am sure my book, 200 WOW TEACHING IDEAS would help and inspire the teaching fraternity to explore excellence and students' delight which is none the less a requisite today rather than just being a desire. We must learn to explore the power of learning with a spree of learning to learn as a hobby rather than an occasional occurrence for our future builders of our nation, our students.

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IDEA1 Change your vocabulary of teaching: Think different. Children no longer love the yesteryears' learning of A for Apple, B for Boy and C for Cat! What they want is A for Android, B for Blackberry and C for Cloud!









IDEA 6

Let the children work in a Partnership – A group of TWO. For every answer let the two decide about the answer. Partnership makes 1 and 1 eleven!

For every work and assignment and even queries by the Teacher!





































Think of a Classroom Make over!

Gone are the days when we think of having ROWS and COLUMNS. Let there be a circular, Face-to-Face, Semi Circular arrangement of seating where there is no back bencher at all!





Cultivate your engagement meter with the students in the class. Make sure all the children know you well and have at least answered your queries at least once a week!
























Successful TEACHERS have to have one world life plan!

IMPROVE

Check the last time you taught and the change you incorporated since then!







Create your cloud presence and make sure you have google counts to impress your audience on a regular basis. Be active on social and professional sites.



Kick up your classrooms to the next higher orbit using the power of TECHNOLOGY.

Make on-line blogs for students to comment on the day's learning outcome and feedback!





Share the learning objective with the children. Also try to know really well of what students already know. Praise them for their knowledge and honour them for their intelligence!



Always have some warm up activity before teaching. This may include moving around the class, like asking each kid in the class to go and shake hands with the very next plus two roll order either way!











- IDEA 51

Use the presence On CLOUD Via Dedicated websites like scribd.com Webs.com Instagram Podcast Blogit Linkedin Twitter add on to your Facebook presence!



















Randomly change the wall hangings/notices/charts and tools of teaching in the classrooms to encourage learning with the NEW BUCKET LIST.



Be a ROCKSTAR Teacher by remembering the names of all the children in the class by FIRST NAME and never address them by the ROLL NUMBERS or SIR NAME.





Make sure you teach LIFE SKILLS too along with the SUBJECT you are assigned to. This would generate a special rapport of yours with your students. May require "Discussing about MALALA and OBAMA to dwell interest among them."








As a CLASS TEACHER dwell some innovation while taking attendance. Never bolt a limited proxy or an answer codes of YES SIR or PRESENT SIR. Make some roll out prompts to make it loud and clear.



Ask QUESTIONS which 90% of the students MAY answer not OTHER WISE. The priority must not be to embrace PHOBIA but a CONNECT.



Conduct QUALITY CIRCLE approach within classroom with a minimum of 5 members in a group. They must sit together and brainstorm the IDEA and settle with DATA followed by a PRESENTATION by the group.



Encourage EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING in nearly all subjects of taught to incorporate learning of Soft Skills, decision making and connect with the nature



Assure a proper BODY LANGUAGE. It must be well articulated so that it does not send any wrong message to the students. The students observe even the NAIL PAINT of the teachers!





Be a ROCKSTAR TEACHER by USING TECHNOLOGY in Classrooms to connect with students 24x7.

Make use of your PEN DRIVE more often.

Explore the connect using

EDUCATIONAL APPS

With your clients/audience!



Believe in your students that they can do wonders too by little motivation and recognition from your end. Treat them as YOUNG ADULTS not kids anymore!





Explore COLLABORATIVE learning not TEACHING and make sure you share the learning with a hobby to explore DELIGHT while sharing and learning.

Use the phrase "Let us Learn" rather than "Let me TEACH!"







Set a MILESTONE CHART for your students' success and your satisfaction as a priority.

Assure all your students score 100% in your subject!













Admit that you are not perfect. Have a habit to change with the march of time. Forget your yester years as a Student for you can but not teach as you were taught!











)- IDEA 91

Explore classroom management skills through setting your priorities using the 80/20 rule to your daily tasks and activities. Remember that 80 percent of your results will come from 20 percent of the items on your list. Get your classroom event on your students' calendars by creating a **Facebook** Event.



Minimize your distractions within the classrooms. Avoid checking messages/calls/posts/updates while in your classroom. A ready reckoner student friendly teacher does not even carry a mobile phone in the classroom ever.



Act like a ZEN MASTER not a RING MASTER

Let the students in the class follow your spiritual learning and Blessings instead of being a HARD TASK MASTER.





Calibrate your behavior as per the scenario of the classroom situation. Never carry a grudge or a disliking for any student ever. Forgive and Forget with some golden words like May GOD Bless you!



Stop being responsive. Instead, protect your time and energy for the things that matter most. If you are finding an interesting discussion time, ask students to simply continue the discussion on Facebook and move on.





Use the POST-IT NOTES on classroom walls against a name. It can be a praise or a personal improvement note for the child. Both by the teacher to the child and vice-versa!



Have a conversation Notebook with the students in circulation within the class. This may be a personal small note book to the teacher by the kids with a special note on queries and achievements.





Share a meal with the students during lunch hours and breaks. The kids enjoy sharing the food and love being praised on taste and share the enjoyment for trust and rapport building.



Always act like the TEACHER you always knew you could be. Take a back seat in your classroom and virtually be a learner in your class. Use APPS like WORD OF THE DAY, THIS DAY IN HISTORY to create small but fun nuggets of learning on a regular basis.


One should be inspiring the children all the time and every time in the class. Be like a **ROCKSTAR** to the students in class with some WOW factors exhibited!



Be flexible about the choices and the assignments you make in the classroom with liberty to the students to make decisions and curate knowledge on their own.

IDEA 105

Install a procedure of **55** Quality Plan and action

Seiri; Sort, Clearing, Classify Seiton; Straighten, Simplify, Set in order, Configure Seiso; Sweep, shine, Scrub, Clean and Check Seiketsu; Standardize, stabilize, Conformity Shitsuke; Sustain, self discipline, custom and practice







Never dwell on the past Over failure and unjustified Lesson deliberations. Believe in the best of your children and match their confidence with making learning happen through interactions and deliberations.



Don't make the same mistake twice. The students may not entertain you as a good teacher. Instead ask them for help and assistance particularly mapping on use of **TECHNOLOGY** in the classroom or other tools for learning.





Accept and implement change on a periodic manner and don't shy away. Implement the best of technology with the support of the students in class. Remember, teachers are no longer the sages on the stage but the guides on the floor!



Master over your fears of classroom management and distractions within classrooms. Build a rapport with the children over time with your PERSONALITY and GOOD Vocabulary.









)- IDEA 117

Be a **Rainmaker** not only for your Class but also for your school where you teach!

The term 'Rainmaker' was first used by Native Americans to connote a medicine man who by various rituals and incantations sought to literally make it rain.



Be a HUMAN BEING first and foremost. Treat every child as a human being too! Be human and understand the reality. Limit your home work assignments to being human.)- IDEA 119

Intend to listen to your audience and to the answers to the questions you have asked not only with your ears but also with your eyes. Listen with your whole body. Show engagement and signal through your eyes. Good teachers are invariably good listeners.



Make sure you ask Pertinent Questions in the class and also give the same in the question papers/writing/oral examinations. They must match the learning imparted and must not be out of discussion.





Develop some guardian students in every class you go as a

teacher, say six to eight and be like a guardian to them. Share their grief and joy. Help them emotionally and spiritually during guardian hours ten minutes a day after school, once a week"





As a Teacher it is important to measure the LEARNING OUTCOME after every class. Analyze the feedback and the improvements required after every session and the module.



As a TEACHER always be a Maven - An Accumulator of Knowledge, A Connector - To deliver Knowledge and and Evangelist - To develop followers and promote the idea to excel via the shared knowledge.



Quit Whining!

Over Arrangements/Substitutions/ Replacement Classes/Attendance Register updating/Extra hours of waiting/teaching/Meeting and the teaching of young boys and girls of various attributes.



Learn to say NO.

Do say NO when you think it is practically IMPOSSIBLE for the task or the assignment to be done. Never commit false promises with the children which you think is cosmetic and unreal for execution.



Prepare a

TO-DO List

For your classroom lessons as per your planned work or assignment for the week.

Make preparations. Carry proper educational tools in the classroom and delegate responsibilities for a nice and friendly learning climate within the classroom. - IDEA 129

As a Teacher always try to do more by doing less. Be a multitasked person using the power of technology and support from the students. You may be teaching, observing, commenting on a topic and at the same time checking the learning outcome and the behavioral skills of the

children in the class using a formative assessment in order.



Encapsulate COURTESY and HUMILITY. Courtesy for all the students in the class and Humility with the parents and colleagues. Never take pride of your knowledge and be helpful to all as a ready reckoner!





Never loose touch with your learning and be prepared and planned with the flow of execution and idea sharing for the class to deliver. Never go unprepared and wear a smile always.



Communicate beyond the parentteacher meeting using the power of technology. Use e-diaries, make the best use of ERP and other communication medium to inform the win-win attributes of the students in class.



Have a beautiful planner in the class. Students love colourful images and ideas quoted as TO DO Things in the class. Innovation is what they love in making and activation.



Have an orderly and color coded classroom with much of spectrum of learning tools, charts and images. The classroom should be a hub for learning and excitement.





Every teacher must and must have a TOOL BOX in the classroom. A ready reckoner with stuff which may include, extra chalk, duster, charts, tools for learning and reference books.




Unleash the master within and deliver your best of mind and skills in explaining the concept. Never take things lightly, if required for some reason, don't teach. Ask the kids to discuss among themselves over some incident or yesterday's football match.



Master the art of story telling. The students love and appreciate learning via stories and incidences. This leaves an everlasting mark and impression on their minds with a lesson!



Have a Conversation and practice relentlessly and internalize your content so that you may deliver the deliberation as comfortably as having an interaction with a close buddy!





IDEA 143



Bring into the class any outside object in order to intrigue them and make them learn in the form of a QUIZ over the object.







Point out the most dis-interested child of your class and ask him for his opinion on the topic being addressed in the class.







Converse with the students in the class and around the campus in an unhurried way. Pause frequently and make sure the listening is happening from the other hand with no fear and dis-interest. Pace with the learning of the students.









)- IDEA 155

Always start with INTIMATION to students about the topic, what they are going to learn, teach them, let them use it and then ask what they have learned. Also discuss homework before wrapping up the class as a priority.



Modify the dynamics of the class by pairing the students together. As a teacher, make sure you control who is being paired with whom.



Always give limits for each task. Just do not let them free to TRY at leisure.

An assignment in a given time and a timely submission must be a priority and must be a common desire for all.







Realize no one likes GLOOMY people and your observation in the class as a LAZY teacher would go negative for their interest in the learning.



Keep your students busy with group assignments instead of an individual assignment. Ask them to build real projects so that they may be used on a later stage in life or for other classes.



Have a video recording of the classroom session with a specific or a difficult topic. This may be a good way to review lessons from an outside perspective further. It may also serve as a ready reckoner online, once uploaded!





Share the learning from attending a SKILL DEVELOPMENT workshop or share the learning you have had with the colleagues in the recent

"Enrichment Meeting"













Assume your students to be the best children in the world. With no comparison so at all. Compare them with themselves of yesterday and the next day they should and would be!



IDEA 171







Make your students responsible for their own learning environment,

Let them question the learning with no fear of failure but an encourage participation by all.


Make it a point to avoid confrontations in front of the students in class. Let it roll with peace and prosperity of understanding.



Connect with the Parents through the students and they must be informed about the connect. The fear is natural and let that be there.



Assure and assume the Attention of every student in the class before the lesson begins. This may be done using ICE BREAKERS or using pointers of easy questions which 90% of the students may answer!



Always use simple verbal reprimands but in PRIVATE when the misbehavior occurs. This leads to understanding the child and his modeling of the behavior is achieved.











Never get emotional with any student in class. Your profession is of a TEACHER and not simply a PARENT. You need to occupy spectrum of discipline with AWE – Respect with Fear – on Demand!



spend so much time improving yourself that you have no time for staff Room politics and to criticize others. Believe in your wisdom towards excellence!



Be so strong with your words and commitment that nothing can disturb your peace of mind in the classroom and in the school. Stay away from classroom distractions instead try implementing solutions to every concern in the class.



Talk health, happiness and hygiene towards prosperity to every student you meet. Make them feel good every time they meet you. Inspire them with good words, motivation and inspiration.



Have a dedicated time for PEP TALK, ASSEMBLY TALK and above all some ZEN Talk with the students on life, living and wisdom! Discussion realities attached to LIFE as a Mystery!







Invite PARENTS for FAMILY HOUR once a month for 10 minutes ONE TO ONE with you and the other subject Teachers together with the Child and give him praises of count and wisdom.



Send PRAISES to parents whose students perform good out of average. Send them Congratulations Card and tag them as a WINNER Parent of the week! On the school's FB Page.



Once a week ask your children to write a love letter to themselves. Praising them for their great doings and acknowledging their wrong doings. Make them read and share the findings with their friends.

)- IDEA 193

Make the classroom routine routed with the phrases:

I can

I will

I care

All I want is within me, I am confident, I can do it, YES!













Treat every classroom

As

A LEARNING WALK!

Never take arrangement or a substitution classes as a liability instead make it a learning Opportunity from the kids!



Allow Students' Council Members to innovate teaching learning ideas and implement them with no NEGATIVE BELIEF!

Welcome and absorb new ideas and ideas from the students.