

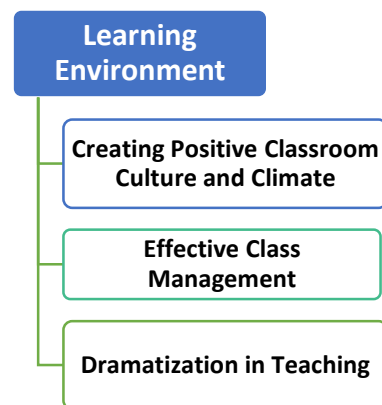


Learning Environment

Online learning environments permit a range of interactive methodologies. Teachers create a healthy and warm learning environment by-

- demonstrating respect for their students as individuals
- providing opportunities for students to:
 - build on their strengths
 - use their preferred learning styles
 - work cooperatively in groups
 - Negotiate what they learn.

We shall look into three of the various methods of creating a effective learning environment.



LE.1. Creating Positive Culture and Climate

It is important for every teacher to create a positive classroom climate as it enhances the academic achievement and promotes appropriate class room behaviour. It helps teachers in creating an environment that

- Encourages divergent thinking
- Promotes appreciation of others
- Identifies the unique contributions of students
- Fosters cooperation and acceptance of peers

Like all of us, **students want to feel that they are known; that they are understood, appreciated, and recognized for their special talents/abilities/skills.** If we as teachers understand this we must constantly grab every opportunity of our interaction with the students to know them better and demonstrate that interest and respect we have for every student.

Teachers can use a variety of methods to obtain information, motivate and engage them in the learning process

- ✓ Eliciting students interests and opinions



- ✓ Making interest inventories (noting a student's like, dislike, parent information, change in seating, etc.)
- ✓ Providing frequent positive feedback that builds confidence
- ✓ Helping students understand find personal meaning and relevance (why learning is important)
- ✓ Kindling student curiosity

LE.2. Effective Classroom Management

Effective Class Management Strategies facilitate learning and avoid disruptions. It is imperative for the teachers to set in the class room rules in the beginning of the year (with the help of the class assistants) which has to be maintained consistently. Establishing rules and shared expectations for behavior in the class room helps to lay a strong foundation for effective class room management. When it comes to behavior, we must remember the teacher must condemn the act /behavior and not the student. This will give a scope for the student to maintain his dignity and correct his behavior.

Effective Teachers

- ✓ count on students participation(ownership of their behavior)
- ✓ are consistent in the manner in which they respond to misbehavior
- ✓ communicate, model and establish routines and procedures

Few Points to Ponder Upon...

- How will I get to know my students' interests and cultures, and make connections to what they are learning in the classroom?
- How will I provide opportunities for students to share their interests and cultures?
- How will I motivate my students to engage in the lessons?
- How will I make content relevant and meaningful?
- How will I establish procedures and routines that optimize instructional time?

LE.3. Dramatization in Teaching

This is an innovative program, which helps teachers in the use of dramatization techniques in teaching/learning process. The teachers use several techniques through dramatization like story-telling, question – answer sessions, activity based story-telling, and use of various types of low cost materials, to make the child understand and concretize abstract concepts.

These help children to strengthen their listening, speaking, questioning, answering, reasoning, describing, drawing, writing, analyzing, and other skills. This also helps children learn to adjust



while working in groups. The children learn easily to count, find the differences in weights of different objects, use of materials in daily life.

Through the use of technique of dumb acting (Miming), the children learn to identify objects, the use of chain questioning and acting out the sequences helps the child to describe or understand a situation / analyze a problem. Story telling through use of pictures in sequences help children in lower classes understand abstract concepts. Story telling is also an effective tool when used with musical plays.

The techniques used through dramatization help reinforce the competencies learnt by the child in their respective lessons.

The Keys Points that will assist in planning a strong class:

- ▶ What are you planning to teach in your lesson? Why?
- ▶ What is the learning objective?
- ▶ Is this a key learning objective? How do you know?
- ▶ What prerequisite knowledge or skills do the students need for this lesson?
- ▶ How does this lesson fit within the overall unit plan as well as the goals for the year?
- ▶ How will you know if students understand the lesson?
- ▶ What common misconceptions do you expect to see?