

Teaching in English Medium Schools

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WHAT do we expect from an English Medium School? We expect the best, says the parents. We expect that our wards will come out as the best among many products and rule the nation someday. One can see that a great deal of responsibility is being shouldered upon a teacher who teaches in such an institution then. But how to take the responsibility of making myself into a perfect teacher? For, it is not that easy to get a response from oneself as it is to make others respond to my wishes. One must be self motivated to achieve success in knowing himself or herself first, and then judge the response in others.

The first thing to think about when you walk into the classroom is the control of the class. A pleasantly yet commanding appearance steals the show. It is no easy to quieten someone who is sharing his feelings with his fellow mates in a very high pitch; chances one, he might even try to involve you in his conversation as well. In such a situation, a good thing to do is to put the work on the board and watch. One or two might still be continuing on their old conversation, but the rest will suddenly become quiet and start work. The thing that works most in a teacher is the quality of patience. A teacher must have the patience of understanding the children's otherwise there will always be a difference of communication between the student and the teacher.

While teaching, the sense of clear conception of the teacher makes a portion of teaching which is very vital. He or she must have various ways of explaining a material to make it understandable, and at the same time enjoyable enough so that they remember what they are reading. Sight seeing tours to different places are very much enjoyable when learning geography. At the same time, visiting the museums while studying History makes it more interesting. Above all, the subject teacher here must have a sound knowledge of his or her chosen area.

A teacher should possess the qualities of being a good elderly family member too, who takes the responsibility of a big family with 30 or 40 children. She is the mother of them all at least that is what should be in her mind. Since every child is not of the same temperament, therefore she has to deal with them in different manners. Some of the negative capabilities that hinders one from becoming a good teacher are, sudden anger, unwillingness to help the weaker ones, prejudice, and lastly the pride in one's own knowledge.

In the end, we can say that a teacher must possess a sound mind and solemn judgement to be able to go into the hearts of his or her students, for, in an English medium the medium of instruction is not native, it is foreign and to get the best result out of it, both the student and the teacher have to work together. Only then, the best results can be expected.