

## My Experiences With Children

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My classroom experiences are like a journey. I try to create a pleasant atmosphere in the classroom as soon as I enter. I start the new lesson with some activities and poems. A few children ask the questions connected with the lesson while some others ask entirely different questions. Children feel happy and free when I enter the classroom. Some children shout and scream – ‘Bhatt Sir has come... Bhatt Sir has come’. Working with children and interacting with them has given me an opportunity to understand many things. I feel happy giving a proper direction to children’s fresh enthusiasm and energy. Every child learns at his or her own pace.

It is true that a few children take more time in building understanding. Each child has different ideas and the class comes to an agreement only after many activities, which could be based on stories and poems which have been done with them in class. They make some models either on their own or with the help of teacher and, by touching and feeling it to develop their understanding. These activities help children to learn faster. They are more interested in the activities than mere textbooks. They also love to enact the lessons that have been taught or take part in poem related activities in groups and as a teacher I also enjoy doing them with the children. It is a beautiful feeling to see the pictures drawn by the children or read what they have written. All the children are talented. They are more interested in activities rather than their textbooks since it becomes easy for them to understand the lesson. So we try to present the lesson in the form a role-play and adopt ways that are easy for children.

Lessons plans are prepared keeping every child in mind so that the information may be given according to the need of each child. Teaching is done with a view that each child learns at his or her own pace. Activities are planned to bring freshness and excitement in class. So the children feel comfortable in receiving the new information. Using various examples and pictures while teaching helps children in learning. We can see that the children are always doing something new and imaginative. Apart from studying they also take active part in games, dancing and singing. They like to come to school. They feel happy when they write well, make things out of paper and make toys with clay. They love to paint the hand-made items. They are forever asking the teacher to tell new stories. Children should be imparted knowledge according to their capability so that they can understand it properly. They like to sit in a group and draw and paint pictures on an A4 sheet of paper and one can see their zeal, passion and energy on such occasions. This school enlightened me about the fact that there is so much to learn from children apart from books. There are different types of children in a classroom who consider reading and writing activities as a form of art. The method used in a classroom should be simple to enable learning. For children, their language is the basis to learn other languages and subjects. They like to learn at their own pace. They try to have their own understanding of a subject rather than numbers. Whenever they want to read a new poem they try to break it into words and lines and then read it together. Thus, they are able to learn it. We have selected a few songs (shown in the box below) which were sung with dholak and harmonium and the entire school was echoing with melody and thus music got an important place in school.

• साँभर झील से भराया भैरु मारवाड़ी ने, बंजारा नमक लाया ऊँटगाड़ी में • इसलिए राह संघर्ष की हम चुनें  
जिंदगी आंसुओं से नहाई न हो • गीत गा रहे हैं आज हम • हम होंगे कामयाब

I gained the experience of preparing TLM. All these efforts have helped in increasing the interest of children in learning and the school has become a more interesting place for them.

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