

Presentation of Best Practice

Title of the practice: LIVE and SPARK CLASSES

Goal

- To impart values and ethics in the life style of students.
- To nourish and nurture the skills of students.

The Context

In leading a successful life both morale and skills have to be nourished. It is a primary need for the student society. In order to enhance the skills and morale of the students these classes are arranged for the students.

The Practice

LIVE (Lessons in Value Education) and SPARK (Skills, Personality development, Art from waste, Relaxation and Karate) classes are handled by teachers twice in a week. In LIVE classes the interviews of successful persons and their motivational speeches are shown to the students in the ICT halls. Some moral instructions and guidance are also given by the teachers. In the SPARK classes various skills are imparted to the students. To take up the Competitive exams like NET/SLET and TNPSC, proper guidance are given and old question papers are discussed in the class. Creativity skill is enforced through Art from waste class. In this class hand bags and paper bags are made out of the cloth and paper .Through Karate classes students learn self defence. These two classes are entirely supportive to students in gaining confidence and nourishing their skills.

Evidence of success

The behavioural changes in students are visible inside and outside the class room. Students learnt Karate and demonstrated KATA, SHAI and broke tiles in the Republic Day celebration. Students made biodegradable hand bags and paper bags. Many students took up the TNPSC Group IV exams and VAO exams.

Problems encountered and Resources required

It is difficult to spare more time for these classes due to other academic duties. Need more materials to teach the students.

Usefulness of the practice

- The morale of the students is strengthened and the attitude of encountering challenges is enhanced.
- The various skills of the students especially the leadership quality and personality of the students are upgraded to higher level.

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Title of the practice: OPEN BOOK TEST

Goal

- To inculcate the quick reading practice inside the class.
- To create a stress free ambience during test.

The Context

Usually for the class test students memorize the content with the least interest. Moreover most of the students do not have the habit of reading the full text prescribed. Therefore open book test is often conducted in the class to bring the keen interest of students in the particular subject.

The Practice

The teacher gives the summary of the text before she announces a test. The teacher comes to the class for the test with questions from the text. The questions are framed in such a way that students have to read the full text to answer. Students are motivated to take up the test in groups and the best group is awarded.

Evidence of success

Students score full mark in answering one word. Passing percentage goes up after conducting these tests. Interest in reading has improved.

Problems encountered and Resources required

Some students would stop studying and simply copy from the book. Sometimes students don't take up the test seriously instead they expect only fun in learning.

Usefulness of the practice

- It prioritizes understanding rather than memorizing the book.
- It is stress free and a useful task for the students in learning and reading.