Personal Reflective Inquiry

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I wonder...

- How in a class of over 20+ children how can I personalize the learning experience so it promotes student success?
- How can reflective learning promote student comprehension?
- How can these two work together to facilitate the best environments for student growth?
Why?

- If we all come in different sizes, shapes and forms, why would we learn the same way???
Why?

- If students are able to reflect on what they learnt they are able to communicate their comprehension of the material.
  - If we can assess and understand what they have learnt we can support them accordingly.
Why?

- We want spend time on highlighting what our students are talented at, rather than making them feel deficient.
  - This works as a great tool to empower student growth (District Administration, 2015)
• My focus is often driven from a very social emotional perspective, where I often believe that only self-reflection allows for self growth.
  – I need to expand my focus to be able to look for other ways to promote self-growth

• I may be biased on teaching from a platform I learn better from such as kinesthetic, mathematical, or social style of learning. I need broaden my abilities and teach from many different learning styles.
  – I need to learn to be okay with the uncomfortable to be the best Teacher Candidate I can be.
How?

- Understanding what learning technique becomes the best environment for student learning

Learning Styles

**VERBAL**
Words are your strongpoint! You prefer to use words both in speech and in writing!

**VISUAL**
You prefer to use pictures, diagrams, images and spatial understanding to help you learn.

**MUSICAL / AUDITORY**
You prefer using sounds or music or even rhythms to help you learn.

**PHYSICAL / KINAESTHETIC**
You use your hands, body and sense of touch to help you learn. You might ‘act things out’.

**LOGICAL / MATHEMATICAL**
Learning is easier for you if you use logic, reasoning, systems and sequences.

**SOCIAL**
You like to learn new things as a part of a group. Explaining your understanding to a group helps you to learn.

**SOLITARY**
You like to work alone. You use self-study and prefer your own company when learning.

**COMBINATION**
Your learning style is a combination of two or more of these styles.
How?

- The world we live in is so derived in technology, it is our present and future, so why not bring it into our practice?
- Allow students to use technology but at a modified level that best suits their needs.
  - Spelling City
  - Iexcel
  - Poplet
  - Explain Everything
How?

- Reflection can be done through inquiry.
  - Let students think outside of the box, give them the platform to present their learning through a forum they feel most comfortable in.
  - This type of thinking is what allows for children to become innovative. The article by Wang and Lin looks for deepening learning techniques in schools that work with reflection. Reflection is used in science, it allows for students to broaden their learning, because it gives them an outlet to inquire about the world around them (Wing & Lin, 2007).
Expectations...

▪ Adapt this as a style of practice.
▪ Gain a deeper understanding of my students, learn how to motivate them, and ultimately prosper their learning.
▪ Work with technology to support students in any way they need
▪ Facilitate alternative methods of learning, to encourage student success
▪ Use reflection as a learning tool to allow students to gain a deeper understanding of the information that is being provided.
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