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Professor Chris Kyriacou I have spent more than 30 years teaching about and doing research on what constitutes effective teaching. Over the years I have become more and more convinced that the key to being a successful teacher, both in terms of the quality of learning you promote, and in terms of maintaining your own mental health and enthusiasm for the work you do, is to make sure you devote enough time to planning. Of course, we all know that teachers, ranging from novices to experienced, I still come across many teachers who do not devote enough time to planning and havent fully realised the massive benefits that good planning offers, and how it can really help them. How and why is your teaching effective? As teachers, we know that teaching is, in essence, about helping pupils to learn. Careful thinking about what it is exactly that you want your pupils to learn, and how best to enable your pupils to achieve this through the learning experiences you provide for them, lies at the heart of the planning process. All successful teachers need to be pupil focused; in other words, you have set up will be experienced by each pupil, and how this experience will generate your intended learning outcomes. youll find that the planning process forces you to make explicit how and why your teaching will be effective for every one of your pupils. Golden Time Lesson plans also provide a huge number of important benefits for you. Firstly, a lesson plan helps provide you with thinking timeduring the lesson. In particular, it enables you to reflect on how the lessonis going whilst it is in progress, and to think about whether and how smalladjustments might need to be made, and time to think about how well eachpupils learning experience is being optimised. Thinking time during a lessonis like gold-dust its the most valuable commodity that a teacher needs tohave and is often in short supply. Good planning means that the many decisionsthat you need to make during a lesson, have already been thought through beforethe lesson in advance then youll buy yourself some golden time todeal with the unexpected. Plans help relieve day to day stress A secondimportant benefit for you is in terms of stress. For newly qualified teachers, you can go into a lesson confident that you have planned what will behappening, that the materials you need to use have been checked and are tohand, that the correct answers to the questions you pose are readily availableto you to refer to, and that the precise qualities and features you expect in agood piece of work will be explicit. The more you can do to build up that confidenceat the start if the lesson, based on your planning, the more relaxed you willfeel. Try something new! Finally, another great benefit of planning is that itenables you to be innovative and try out new approaches and ideas in yourteaching. When busy and tired, its not surprising that some teachers stickwith teaching activities that are tried and tested and which manifestly worksuccessfully. There is nothing wrong with this over the short-term. The timeand effort you put into planning your lessons will deliver rich dividends foryour pupils in being able to experience lessons that you have homed toperfection. However, time marches on, what and how you teach today will not bewhat is considered to be good practice in the future. The school curriculum isever changing (and, of course, the new Ofsted Inspection Framework will be on manyteachers minds at the moment), be it in terms of the course andlessons, the learning outcomes, the use of technology, the methods ofassessment, and working with other staff. Overhaulingyour planning can be a daunting challenge if you leave adopting such newapproaches for too long. Devoting time to planning has an inbuilt element ofreflection involved: how can I improve my teaching? Such reflection can helpyou stay at the forefront of innovative thinking and practice under duress. Professor Chris Kyriacou is based at the University of York Department of Education, and is the author of Essential Teaching Skills. the fifth edition of which was published by Oxford University Press in 2018. Lesson planning is a crucial part of the teaching process but can also be one of the most challenging tasks. But why should educators invest so much time and effort in creating detailed lessons? What benefits does it provide the students, as well as the instructors themselves? According to experts, here are the reasons why lesson planning is essential: It can be tempting to ditch the lesson planning for weeks or months in advance, only to learn that the students were not connecting with that information for lifelong understanding. Now youre tweaking your plan to include that same content in a new way for tomorrow and completely rearranging all of the days ahead. It can feel like a waste of time to decide on a plan when the likelihood is so high that the plan will change! But still, lesson planning is essential. In order to address this massive problem of plan changing, you may want to consider how you go about lesson planning in the future. Every great lesson plan has variety the spice of life! Get to know your students so you can teach to their strengths, whether with visual tools, auditory components, or kinaesthetic activities. I recommend you include at least 3 of Howard Gardners Multiple Intelligences in each lesson to allow more students to connect to the content. When students are able to more easily process the information in a way that their brain understands, they will be more engaged and willing to participate. substitute teacher comes through the door, a lesson plan allows you to showcase evidence for the educational program you are providing your students. When you are providing your students. When you are providing your students and how you are providing your students. the teacher: the facilitator and guide to meaning-making and connection. A lesson plan ensures that students take on responsibility for their own learning. Thats right, the biggest roadblock to lesson plan ensures that students take on responsibility for their own learning. Thats right, the biggest roadblock to lesson plan ensures that students take on responsibility for their own learning. connections between other ideas will be made, you can formatively assess your students for which areas they are understanding and which areas they still have questions about. With a clear lesson plan in place, you and the student understanding and which areas they still have questions about. expectations. Did they miss the mark? Now you can readdress the information in a new way during the next lesson! Worried about changing your future lessons? Schedule review days in your monthly or yearly plan. Take the time to plan out your next lesson to spark a sense of wonderment in your students. When a lesson plan includes a big idea, accesses prior knowledge, and promotes connection-making, your students will be more engaged and willing to participate in the learning process. Having a simple plan allows you to align with your goals as you progress through your year, provides a safety structure for your children, and serves as evidence for your learning program. Lesson planning allows you to set up learning to prevent problems from occurring by planning for variety in how you present information and the child can become much more engaged in the learning process. A well-thought-out lesson plan will spark a sense of wonderment in the learning process. When a lesson includes a big idea, accesses prior knowledge and promotes connection-making, the child will be more engaged and willing to participate. Dedra Eatmon, Ph.D. High School Teacher | Founder, Tassel to Tass yourself and your students better. With proper planning, you feel more in control of the learning process, which creates a more soothing learning environment and experience for the class. In my 20+ years of teaching and teaching teachers Ive learned a few lessons about lesson planning. As a result of my and my students mishaps, I can assure you that lesson planning works. I have identified four different important benefits of planning means you are more prepared to teach. Even if the topic is one Ive taught before, reviewing the lesson plan helps. I sometimes make a new one because each class of students is slightly different, and technological changes may result in modifications to an existing plan. You can work through the timing of each lesson segment, from the introduction (or continuation) of a concept to the wrap-up and closure for the day. Planning means youve identified example problems, props/learning aids, and/or videos queued up and ready to go. While you cant always put yourself in the intellectual shoes of your students, especially as a rookie teacher will already have common misconceptions and questions from previous classes. A third benefit of lesson planning is smooth instructional delivery. You wont stumble over explanations, and you will find you improvise with more confidence because youre not winging it. (Ive done that, and rarely does it end well.) Now, this doesn't mean the students wont do or ask something that throws you. In those cases, tell them finding the answer to their question is yourhomework and keep it moving. Just make sure you do it because they will ask you the next day. Lastly, the controlled instructional experience falls right in line with smooth delivery. When you know exactly where youd like the lesson to start and end. Youve thought about how you want to guide your students through the concept, and youre navigating them with knowledge and forethought. Think about it like being their tour guide. Sure, youve taken this route a million times, but why not check Google maps to ensure nothings changed? While different teacher education programs have different teacher part of your unit plan, which is something most colleges dont require.) Whether or not youre at a total loss or
have asked a mentor teacher for pointers. Ive been a new teacher, an experienced teacher with a new course, and a seasoned teacher with a familiar course. In every scenario, taking some time to think through the lesson has never failed me. I cant say the same for jumping in without a plan. Hannah Lynock English Teacher | Lead Subject Mentor for Trainee Teachers | Private Tutor, Sherpa Online Its hard to find a teacher who, if theyre completely honest, hasnt fallen into a rut with their lesson planning. Quickly throwing together some activities in a decent order is easily done in such a relentlessly stressful profession. However, revisiting the basics and getting curious again about why things we do are important can revitalize us, giving us a much-needed boost, especially during stressful periods. So often, we can get bogged down in marking, meetings, and admin, leaving lesson plans a simple scribble in a planner, and yet Im sure most educators would agree that delivering a carefully considered lesson with a clear direction and sense of momentum is one of the most satisfying parts of being a teacher. Im also sure that most teachers are aware of the research into what makes the most impact on students learning. Its not the marking, meetings, or spreadsheets; its those meaningful and purposeful lessons. So lets remind ourselves of why lesson planning is essential, in the hope it might give us the fuel we need to make it to the end of the winter, spring, or summer term. A sequence of well-planned lessons is a map of a destination. What is the destination? It might be GCSE or A-level results or an end-of-term assessment. It might be getting your class to finally construct a cohesive essay or simply ensuring the curriculum is covered. Whatever the endpoint, it will be hard to get there if you dont plan a route. When were not giving enough thought to planning a sequence of lessons, it can be tempting to try and tackle too many topics or areas at once as we dont have a clear idea of timing or how we might build meaningfully upon students knowledge or skills. This means nothing gets done in the time and detail required. Lesson planning gives you time to consider the needs and progress of your classes carefully. Knowing a class well is the difference between simply delivering content and making an impact. Of course, in an ideal world, each student would have lessons tailored to them personally, but with most teachers facing classrooms of between 25 and 32 students, the best we can do is deliver lessons that best suit a particular group. Planning lessons with deliberate care and attention allows us to reflect upon their previous learning, current progress, preferences, and next steps. Sitting down to methodically plan a sequence of lessons is an excellent way to reflect upon our students progress and our own performance. We might discover that we rely too heavily on a particular method and begin to experiment with a wider range of activities to engage our students. We might note that certain concepts arent being grasped as a step has been missed, one which we may not have considered before. Teachers tend to have the highest expectations of themselves and so often focus on their areas for improvement, but self-reflection is also a chance to acknowledge and utilize the things you do best and enjoy your everyday successes. I acknowledge that teaching is an intense profession, soslowing downmay not feel like an option. The to-do list is never-ending, and the demands on teachers grow every year. However, taking the time to plan lessons properly can be satisfying and encouraging, giving us an important reminder of the importance of the essential work we do. Jennifer Holt Teacher | Early Education Expert | Founder, Happy Teacher Mama | Podcast Host, The Classroom Exit Strategies Podcast Lesson planning is one of those topics that can be super-polarizing. There are those who believe in having an entire year planned out ahead of time, while others believe in letting the current interest of the day guide the lesson. However, having lesson plans is important forthreespecific reasons. We all need structure and boundaries. It gives us complete freedom because we know what we can and cannot do. This same rule applies to lesson planning. When teachers have created lesson plans, they know the following: What they need to accomplish it. How they will reach the final destination. This allows teachers to stay focused when things inevitably go awrybecause they will! It also gives us the ability to build in extra time when we see potential pitfalls on the horizon. One great example is holidays. Kids love brings a plethora of potential chaos and distraction. By planning lessons ahead of time, you can cover the most important material far enough in advance of the holidays that students actually absorb the information. Then once the content has been mastered, you are free to add in some holiday-themed activities that keep students engaged while simultaneously keeping your plans on track to meet the final outcome. An interesting by-product of having your plans on track to meet the final outcome. An interesting by-product of having your plans on track to meet the final outcome. counter-intuitive, but let me explain. Lets say you notice that a few students seem to be struggling with negative mindsets. You decide to take some time at the moment to talk about how important mindset is to accomplishing goals. Obviously, this is different from the multiplication lesson you were planning to teach, but because you have a plan, you know its ok to take accommercial breakin order to address the crucial topic that has presented itself. You can share your personal experience when you had to dig deep into your own growth mindset to help your students realize this isnt just a one-time thing they are encountering. Hearing that an adult has gone through a similar experience gives your students: A new appreciation for the struggle. Respect you because you were vulnerable by sharing your own struggles. A new life skill. And all of this was made possible because you created your lesson plan in advance! Without a lesson plan in advance pl because you wouldnt know what was coming up next or how to shift around the elesson plan, you were prepared and already knew what you would do. Lets admit it, we all have days where we arenotat our best. In fact, some days, we dont feel like teaching at all. Maybe youre sick, or something is going on that has taken your attention away from your job. Regardless of the reason, no one is always completely mentally present. Having lesson plans looking back at you, your immediately reminded of your final outcome goal, and you become accountable to complete what you previously decided to do. While its entirely possible to have success without lesson plans occasionally, this isnt a sustainable approach to teaching. So take the time to create lesson plans with built-in time for impromptu learning so that you are ready to keep yourself on track. Pam Morris, MSEd Early Childhood Education Director, East Valley ICC Every week, teachers around the globe ponder this important subject: what will I teach this week? Where you teach has no bearing on this guestion; public, private, charter, home-school. The need is the same. As a teacher, it is important subject: what will I teach this week? Where you teach has no bearing on this guestion; public, private, charter, home-school. The need is the same. As a teacher, it is important subject: what will I teach this week? Where you teach has no bearing on this guestion; public, private, charter, home-school. The need is the same. As a teacher, it is important subject: what will I teach this week? Where you teach has no bearing on this guestion; public, private, charter, home-school. The need is the same. As a teacher, it is important subject: what will I teach this week? Where you teach has no bearing on this guestion; public, private, charter, home-school. The need is the same planning in a classroom is so important for the quality of instruction provided and ensuring that all children have their learning goals met each day. Lesson planning keeps a teacher on track and is a vital tool when the teacher is unable to be in the classroom due to an absence or other responsibilities. With clear plans, materials provided, and learning goals clearly established, most children can have a successful day, and ultimately, so can each teacher. As a first-year teacher, I relied on my lesson plans exclusively. I needed to think out my day ahead of time, so I was organized and had the confidence to lead my students with minimal chaos. The more specific I could be, the more comfortable I felt. The plan and the structure were my lifelines at the beginning of my career. As I grew in confidence, the lesson plans were more for the administration and subs. They provided the structure and details that the principal needed to make sure that I was meeting all of the requirements set forth by the district. However, as a director, I now see another layer of importance that should be attributed to lesson plans. While as an experienced teacher, I felt that I could create a structured, well-run classroom, as a director, I am not sure that I was able to meet each childs individual needs when I didnt have a written plan. The written plans kept me on track and created the framework for learning. They also helped keep me focused on the individual goals of each of my students, so they were reaching their full potential in each area of the classroom. Kelly Mason Tutor Lead & Content Editor, The Tutor Link Lesson planning is vital to have a schedule for every lesson that is to be taught. However, the following reasons are crucial for lesson planning: Lesson planning is important for effective instruction. Through lesson planning, teachers can structure a lesson in a way that allows students to learn the material in a logical, coherent
fashion. It also provides the teacher with a structure and a plan of action. It outlines the goals, objectives, materials, and activities that will be used to teach the promotes efficiency by providing a clear structure and objectives for a lesson. This allows the teacher to plan their time efficiently, as they know exactly what content needs to be covered and how. Additionally, it can help to streamline the lesson by providing a step-by-step guide for the teacher and students to follow, ensuring that all topics are covered in the allotted time. By planning ahead, teachers can create engaging lessons that help to keep students engaged and interested in the material. By providing hands-on activities, visuals, and other engaging components, teachers can help to keep students stay focused and motivated as they learn. Having a lesson plan can also help the teacher reviews. objectives, selecting appropriate materials, and creating effective activities and assessments. Additionally, lesson planning is so important. First, lesson planning helps teachers better understand their students and their needs. By taking the time to plan, teachers can think through the activities and assessments they will use to meet the learning objectives for their students. Second, lesson planning helps to ensure that the instruction is well organized. Though poet Robert Burns has students expect us to be prepared. A learning relationship forms when we are honest about our expertise and its limits and come to our students: I care enough about you to come prepared. You can relax and give yourself over to learning because Ive set the stage. We may discover lots of unexpected things together, but we arent directionless. Lesson planning, like professionalism and preparedness in any occupation, demonstrates respect for your students, colleagues, and institution. Do we need to write this down? Is this on the test? How am I going to use this in real life? Students expect educators to be subject matter experts, to present information effectively, to give the why behind lessons, and to have a plan. K-12 students need the reassurance that teachers are ready and prepared to guide them. Adult learners, ever conscious of the fact that they are paying for education, expect instructors to aid them in getting results. Administrators rely on well-planned and executed courses to meet credentialing guidelines and deliver graduates ready for their next education or career steps. None of this happens without careful planning. Solid lesson plans provide: Assurance that class time is used effectively. An overview of learning objectives and deliver graduates ready for their next education or career steps. None of this happens without careful planning. and activities. A solid framework that can be modified in emergencies and re-engaged afterward. Key information for parents, tutors, counselors, or other support professionals as they assist students. A structure that may decrease anxiety for learners with academic barriers. A roadmap for classes that allow instructors and students to focus on each sessions core objectives. Lesson planning, while essential, is far from exciting. It requires hours of tedious paperwork or online work. Institutions can be reluctant to pay for these invisible hours. Related: 40+ Reasons Why Research Is Important in Education Budgets for non-instructional pay may be set by non-instr teaching administrators who dont realize how long it takes to create innovative teaching plans. And, like the wee mousie in Burns poem, even the most carefully planned lessons can be overturned by individual or institutional emergencies. Still, lesson planning remains an essential part of teaching that demonstrates our ethical and professional engaged, and most importantly, they learn. Students can sense if you are prepared and will behave accordingly. Lesson plan mill take and having the materials ready to go before the day begins will help with student behavior because there will be less downtime for students to do things they shouldnt. The lesson should betightand well-timed with elements such as an objective clearly stated, and national standards. These are the concepts Thinking ahead about what you want the students to learn will keep the content moving in the right direction. Heading into the year, the week, or the day knowing what will be taught will reduce teacher stress significantly. Lesson planning with a teacher buddy can be extremely helpful and can help keep you accountable. When teachers feel prepared and planned, students feel secure and safe in the classroom. This leads to fewer behavior problems for administrators to handle. Teachers need support from administration and their colleagues. Teachers should understand that they can change their plans if students are not responding to what was originally planned; this does not have to beset in stone. Facing a class full of students knowing the plan and approximately how long it will take will make your teaching life more enjoyable and a lot less stressful. Caroline Farkas Math Education Specialist Founder, Doodles and Digits Lesson planning is one of the most important things a teacher can do to help students succeed. It is crucial to excellent teaching because it allows teachers to thoroughly think through all the components of what makes a great lesson and precisely what they want the learning target. A lesson with a learning target of adding fractions will be vastly different than trying to identify the theme of a story. After a learning target has been chosen, a lesson plan will be designed to fit the end goal perfectly. When a lesson plan is created, there are many facets that a teacher should consider. Those things include: Students prior knowledge. Interests. What gaps need to be filled. What standards need to be taught. Often, a teacher will give a pre-assessment test to see what prior knowledge students individual needs. As a teacher, I used to change my lesson plans each year, even for the same learning targets, because students interests and prior knowledge often differed! One year I might design a lesson with a sports theme because I had many students who loved sports, while the next year, I might teach that same standard using video games. Specifically, in math, it is crucial that students are taught things in a particular order because certain math concepts are built on other concepts. For example, if a student does not know how to place value functions, they will not be able to add or subtract large numbers fluently. Lesson planning allows the teacher to be fully prepared by thinking through all the variables that come with teaching, including the essential skills students need to complete the lesson. It also allows teachers to find best practices, research-based methods, review materials, and additional resources for students. Additional resources that a teacher might want to use are engaging videos, games, math manipulatives, or hands-on activities. Finally, lesson planning is important because it allows you to reflect as a teacher. After a lesson, I am able to go through all the components and determine if students achieved the learning target. If it is successful, I can keep it for the following year. If it is unsuccessful, I can brainstorm ways to reteach that topic to students and improve upon it. Without a lesson plan, it would be extremely difficult to track in years to come what was taught, how it was taught, and how successful it was. Zachery VanderGraaff Music Educator, Dynamic Music Room Too often, teachers will start a lesson with a broad goal in mind. Teach this skill. Do this chapter. In-depth lesson plans force you to take this to the next level, increasing the learning exponentially! Sure, we want them to learn X, Y, and Z. But we dont all learn the same way, and learning is done best when its presented multiple times with different avenues. Thinlesson plans get repetitive. Thicklesson plans give you more tools A, B, and C to get it done. Ive never had a lesson that went off without a hitch, and Ill bet any teacher would be hard-pressed to say their go perfectly too. Things go wrong. Kids act out. There are a bazillion announcements. It starts snowing for these situations to come in and derail you. By having the plans done in detail, you don't have to wonder where you were or were going. Its there for you to help recoup and guide the learning time. One of the most extensive critiques of planningtoo muchis that it kills flexibility and removes the students from the equation. All those beautiful moments sparking a lifelong desire to learn will be gone. I couldn't disagree more. Detailed lesson plans increase efficiency. Students learn faster, and you teach better. As a result, do you have more time to stop and smell the pencils? On top of this extra time, and because your plans are guiding your intent, youll see when a teachable moment can cover the concept better than your plans would have in the first place! I plan out almost every minute of my 45-minute classes. I end up throwing out about 1/2 of the lesson. I dont regret it at all! Better moments came, and we accomplished the same goal. But those moments dont come unless youve done the work ahead of time. Liz Daly High School English Teacher, The Lit Lady Lesson planning is essential in the high school English classroom. Many effective teachers plan backward, deciding on the end goals first and then creating lessons, activities, projects, homework assignments, etc., are of value. Not only is this an efficient way to work, but it also creates an atmosphere of trust between the teacher and the students. No one wants to feel as though their time is being wasted or that they are working to fill the class period simply. Students are much more likely to be engaged in everything that a teacher does in class (even the boring stuff!) if they trust that the teacher has competently and thoroughly planned out a path
designed for them to learn and succeed. If teachers plan with overall student success in mind, the students are going to feelmore confident, learn more, and to better. Rachel Gold Cederbaum Writing & Academic Coach, Gold Signature Writers When I started teaching in the fall of 2004, I was 21 years old and fresh out of the students are going to feelmore confident, learn more, and to better. spin class at the gym across the street from my school. I lived at my desk after hours, mostly grading and planning. I also camped at the local Barnes & Nobles for a few hours on Saturdays and Sundays in downtown Bethesda (which is now sadly an Anthropologie). Besides my mentor, who is still one of my closest friends almost 20 years later, what saved me was the massive binder of lesson plans. It was scripted and detailed; it was handed to me on my first day. In fact, each day was mapped out from start to finish and on and on through the end of the year. Now, seasoned and more confident (most days), I would cringe at following those lessons, but 21-year-old me found themempoweringandcomforting. I had a script to follow, thoughtful, critical-thinking questions to ask my students, and literary, plot, character, and theme notes to address. I also had writing prompts for formative and summative exams. I had ideas for homework assignments, creative projects with rubrics, and many talking points that were wellwritten and thought-provoking. Admittedly, I am type A. I like to have my days, weeks, and months planned out. Flash forward 18 years, I have three small kids, and I own an academic coaching practice, so my days are never straightforward or predictable. However, in the classroom, these detailed lesson plans gave me suggestions for how to characterize Atticus Finch and analyze his final speech to the jury, how to close read and discuss the rhetorical strategies Steinbeck used in Of Mice and Prepared to teach 27 14-year-olds (times five classes a day). After teaching freshman and loving it, I taught 11th-grade English, IB English, and AP English. The binder evolved with my experience, and the lesson plans became more concise. I no longer relied on five typed pages of notes. Instead, my plans included my objective and a bulleted list of my agenda items. Always an over-planner, I usually got through half of what I had planned in any given period, but I was always prepared to fill the time with close reading, synthesis essay practice, rhetorical analysis discussions, in-class debates, Socratic seminars, and argumentative writing. Today, when I speak with educators on my team, I always encourage them to plan their sessions the way they plan for their classes. I have consistently witnessed in and out of theat classes. classroom that teachers are the hardest working, thoughtful, and detail-oriented professionals. Teachers are the experts in their particular field; whether it is advanced math support, executive functioning, or reading support, teachers come prepared to meet the students where they are and get them to where they need to be (with a five-page singlespaced lesson plan or a bulleted list, of course). AJ Silberman-Moffitt Senior Editor, Tandem Whether you are responsible for teaching something at work, there is something at work, there is something to be said about being organized. You might be the most educated person on a subject, but when it comes time to teach that subject to others, you need to prepare a plan of action. If you dont, you might find that you dont cover all the information you need to pass on. This is one reason that having a lesson plan will give them a better idea of what they will be doing over the course of the class or instruction. Some lessons will take longer than others. Few courses go on indefinitely, so you must ensure that you have the time to go over everything. You want to account for the time you will know how much time you have for teaching the next. Many students or learners can become dismayed when they are taught in one style on one day and another style the next day. They almost need to switch brains to accommodate being taught differently on different days. Having structure is good for everyone as it helps to keep things consistent. This isnt referring to intelligence but rather the theory of creating something Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Based. Establishing a plan that relies on the SMART principle can help everyone create and achieve their goals. You shouldnt go into a lesson without knowing what you have all the tools necessary to discuss that subject. However, if you have all the tools necessary to discuss that subject. However, if you have all the tools necessary to discuss that subject. lesson plan, you can prepare beforehand for the lesson you will give. Dont worry if you need to change a lesson plan that you have set. Things happen, things change, and things can still go well when they do. Start preparing your lesson plan that you have set. Things happen, things change, and things can still go well when they do. Start preparing your lesson plan that you have set. Things happen, things change, and things can still go well when they do. Start preparing your lesson plan that you have set. Things happen, things change, and things can still go well when they do. Start preparing your lesson plan that you have set. Things happen, things change, and things can still go well when they do. Start preparing your lesson plan that you have set. importance of a lesson plan. A lesson plan is a concise and organized structure which provides answers to important questions. Questions about how a teacher can maintain a standard pattern of teaching. Access Here More Than 1000+ FREE Educational AppsPurpose of the Lesson PlanBrilliance lie in not leaving the schedule at the mercy of shambolic planning and fluctuating resources. Teachers can re-direct their energy in designing an effective curriculum. The duties of school hours will recline in the lap of this set up. The lesson plan guides the direction in which the teacher can invest her efforts and resources for the day. On attaining the equilibrium, you can help drive students efforts on the right path for the desired learning outcome. Importance of a Good Lesson Plan: Call it an essential vitamin for the teachers survival. The scant might cause deficient growth as a teacher. A good lesson plan conveys to the teachers survival. The scant might cause deficient growth as a teacher. A good lesson plan conveys to the teacher as to what is important for students when it comes to learning. And since prepared under the confines of individual comfort, it is easier to perceive. It will include the content and activities to be fulfilled for a set timeline. Lesson planning provides a step-by-step guide to teachers to delve deep into what he/she is teaching. It tells you how the teaching should progress with the contents of the lecture. The next big question is whether the students understand what you are teaching. Alongside planning for these criteria which are crucial for in-depth learning, a lesson plan becomes a teaching and learning aid to both the teachers and the students respectively. 1) Incorporate the Three Arms of Effective TeachingIn order to help faculty maintain a standard teaching pattern that will benefit students of different IQ levels, it is essential that they follow a logical teaching structure. It is necessary to take into cognizance the three pivotal components of teaching; the three arms of a lesson plan. They are: The basic objectives of the course. collection of teaching and learning activities and Assessment methods and learning and teaching activities is the next step. Here, you will have to strive and come up with multiple explanation methods that will help your students to better understand the topic. You can include real-life examples alongside citing imaginary situations. This will help students stretch their imagination to extract the essence of what is being taught. After planning for both objectives and teaching activities, you should work in the direction of assessing the level of understanding of your students. Here you need to rely on assignments (oral or written) as qualifying tools. A question-answer session should be planned along with well-planned activities that will help you assess the learning abilities of your students. 2. A Perfect Time Management Tool in Classrooms a step-by-step lesson plan will help you lecture the important sections of a topic within the prescribed time period. You will not grope in the dark about how a particular query from a student should be addressed. With this tool in your hand you will be able to teach with a better sense of direction and control. Also Read: 14 Best Parental Control Apps For KidsThere will a lot of free time to focus on improvising your abilities as an educator.3. Builds The Confidence in TeachersWith a lesson plan in your hand, you will become a confident teaching styles that are currently in vogue. You will not be following the principles of the old school of thought but will incorporate new teaching mechanisms. A lesson plan helps you adhere to the best teaching practices that deliver effective teaching. You will be come to be known as a confident teacher who is well-informed and highly knowledgeable faculty. 4. A Clear Route-Map To Effective Teaching What to teach are the two basic guestions that should be pre-answered by teachers. When you are clear about what topics to teach and how they should be taught, you will be able to match your lecturing patterns to the learning abilities of your students. One important thing to remember! Teaching from the front cover all the way to the end of the text book does not meet your teaching goals. A lesson plan here sheds light on what topics are considerable as against those which are secondary.5. A Boon To Struggling StudentsMany a times, teachers either omit or repeat the subjects taught earlier. This
situation arises because of the absence of a lesson plan. With a lesson plan at your disposal, you will be able to avoid casual omissions or repetitions that emerge as a result of students getting promoted from one grade into another. Once the semester ends, earlier teacher with the new class teacher with the new cla pattern after your planning traits. Also Read: 15 Best Educational Software Companies in IndiaYou can set an example to students who will follow your footsteps. uncovering the benefits of planning. A Result-Oriented PracticeYou as an instructor will be able to guide your students better if you value spadework yourself. You will be instrumental in helping your students. It allows you to concentrate on struggling students. This way, you will be able to check their level of understanding and match your teaching style with what your class needs.8. Sets the Anticipatory Mood for StudentsTeachers rely on teaching mechanisms like a game, a video clipping or an industrial tour. This creates a sense of expectation among students. You can also engage your students in a focused discussion about a particular topic. This could be a preparation for what is coming up next. Imagine the excitement of students of English Literature when they are asked to pen down their thoughts about their failed college love. Right before proceeding to value the world famous love story of Romeo and Juliet! 9. A Reference Tool Which Facilitates Swapping of Teachers substitute teacher will be able to take the position of a class teacher in a much shorter time, thanks to the lesson plan. The assisting teacher will be able to take the position of a class teacher will be able to take the easy comfort between students and new teacher. 10. Promotes A Healthy Learning EnvironmentWith a lesson plan as a teaching tool, you can plan your lessons in the most purposeful manner. Healthy Learning EnvironmentWith a lesson plan as a teaching tool, you will be able to present the subject matter straight and clean.11. Handing over and professional performanceIt is always an advantage to have a clear lesson plan so that, it can be used by substitute teachers at times. It ensures that time is being used properly, even when the HOD is not around. The set of lesson plans can be used to handling over to new teachers, it acts as a guideline for them to follow. Irrespective of all these, it can also be used to support annual performance evaluation of individual teachers. Even when applying for new job, teachers can attach these lesson plans as a sample to show them your content understanding and organizational skills. 12. Prevent over-reliance on textbooks There are many excellent guides with good resources using the syllabus that enables a teacher to prepare an effective lesson plan. These guides also have solved problems and notes which helps to save the time of teachers. Thus, giving them more time to focus and teacher. So, a good lesson plan, prevent over- reliance on textbooks. 13. Ask questions A properly built lesson plan helps a teacher to ask proper and important questions timely. This will engage the student interaction and communication in an effective way. Thus, it helps in retaining the lesson in the classroom.14. It helps during class preparation you teach a specific subject because you are well-versed in it. But preparation is essential even for points which can be reviewed and edited. It helps teachers to use different strategies, methods, make use of different tools to make teaching process more interesting. Thus, a proper lesson plan is a mandatory tool to tread the path of comprehensive education. No matter how experienced a teacher is. 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No additional restrictions You may not apply legal terms or technological measures that legally restrict others from doing anything the license permits. You do not have to comply with the license for elements of the material in the public domain or where your use is permitted by an applicable exception or limitation. No warranties are given. The license may not give you all of the permissions necessary for your intended use. For example, other rights such as publicity, privacy, or moral rights may limit how you use the material. Think of a time when you enter a classroom without any plans. How do you feel? How would you feel if you need to runto make photocopies in the middle of the class? Here are 6 reasons why it is important for teachers to have a lesson plan. Lesson planning should be done across grades toavoid omissions and unnecessary repetition. If student have not been taught addition and subtraction from 20 to 100 in Grade 1, they are not ready for addition and subtraction in the hundreds in Grade 2. If students have been taught multiplication for 6,7,8 and 9 in Grade 3, teachers should not be repeating the same multiplication tables in Grade 4. There is a difference between revision after the summer break and spending weeks on the topic as though the students have not done this before. Yet quite often, we see either omissions or overlaps across grades. The end of the semester is the best time to have grades meeting, to discuss what has been accomplished and what needs to inform the teacher needs to inform might work for some cases, I find that textbooks in the U.S. usually include a lot more materials than is required. While it provides teachers with options, it can be confusing for some teachers when they need to decide on what to teach. need to rush through the last few topics. A lesson plan is important as it gives a sense of direction in relation to standards. Teachers know what is important and what is secondary. It is more important as it gives a sense of direction in relation to standards. Teachers know what is important and what is important and what is secondary. It is more important and what is important and what is important as it gives a sense of direction in relation to standards. important, knowing how to teach them is the key to success in the classroom. The same topic can be (and should be) taught differently, depending on the students skills, temperament and attitude. These considerations should influence a teachers planning of thetasks to be presented, resources needed and pacing of the lessons. With the students in mind, the teacher should ask questions like Should we spend more time on concrete manipulatives?, Use more worksheets in color versus black and white make a difference? Many teachers teach the way they were taught as students. However, that might not be the best way. We need to constantly update ourselves with best practices that work, and how to teach more effectively. For example, a teacher who has only learned how to and not why when growing up will need to evaluate their own gap in knowledge when drawing out the lesson plans for the semester. This gives the teacher confidence when delivering the lesson in the classroom. A confident teacher inspires respect from students, which in turn reduces discipline problems. Lesson planning. They can be used again, in part or in whole, for future classes. Lesson planning for subsequent years can be drawn from and modified from current planning. The extra effort put in by first year teachers to plan and organize the entire years lesson plans and
resources will go a long way for subsequent years teaching the same level. A clear lesson plancan be used by substitute teachers, ensuring that time is used productively, when the main teacher is not around. It can also serve as a central document for handing over to new teachers who are teaching the level for the first time. In addition, lesson plans, along with other materials, can also be used to support annual performance evaluation. Teachers applying for new job canalso submit samples of their lesson plans to show their content understanding and organizational skills. There are many important benefits of having a clear and organized set of lesson plans. Good planning allows for more effective teaching and learning. However, many things can happen in class, and it is important for teachers to adapt their plans to respond to the students needs. As Jim Scrivener says, Prepare thoroughly, But, in class, teach the learners, not the plan. Grade 1 Lesson Plans and ResourcesGrade 2 Lesson Plans and ResourcesGrade 3 Lesson Plans and ResourcesGrade 4 Lesson Plans and ResourcesGrade 5 Lesson Plans And Resour