**The method how to deal with students**

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I’m a math teacher and I teach middle and high school students at Academy. When I started working, I had full of confidence because math was the easiest subject for me. However, shortly after I realized teaching was very different than I imagined and it was difficult than I expected. First of all, it was hard to explain the concept or theory and make students understand easily. Every morning, I wake up and think about how to teach more effectively and interestingly. But, the hardest thing was dealing with a range of unexpected problems. For example, there were students who were consistently late or absent, making a lot of noise in class, sleeping during the class and fighting among students. From now on, I will discuss as a teacher, how to solve these problems in effective ways.

First, if you want a policy of English only in the classroom what do you need to do?

Most of English teachers want students use only English in the classroom because teachers hope students’ English skills improve sooner. However sometimes students speak their first language because it is more comfortable. If teacher says “ you should speak English. You have to use only English in the classroom!!” Students feel very uncomfortable. Also for the students who can’t speak English well won’t talk in the classroom because of lack of confidence. I also had a similar experience. I used to ask a friend who speaks English well so that she or he can ask teacher for me or I just talk in Korean after the class. However, I know the importance of practicing speaking English. So if I were a teacher I would allow using their first language for students who can’t speak English fluently. Those who can’t speak English well should ask students who speak English fluently so that they can help each other. And it is important allowing some interchange communication because it establishes more relaxed learning environments and speeds up the learning process.

Second, how will you deal with student’s tardiness and absences?

Giving a task or position is important because the person who has an important task or position tends to work harder. I would give a student who comes school late a task to check whether other student arrives late. Then maybe the student don’t late any more.

Punishment is not a positive method because students may lose their interest. I think praise is more effective than punishment.

Third, How will you help your students prepare for any lesson presentations?

Most of people work on salary or suitable reward. The reason businessman works hard is because he or she gets a salary. Students do the same. When they finish any lesson presentations, teachers must give them reward. Also it is important to ask them to pick their own topic or subject so that they learn how to research independently, ask their own questions and discover something that they are interested in .