

Journal

I cannot say that today was a productive day because I did not do a lot of thing. Today, students had their first period exam so I just had to take care of them will they were doing it.

First of all, I organized the classroom and I realized that some students prefer working alone because they don't trust their partners. On the other hand, there are some students who prefer working with somebody else, just because they want someone to do all the wok for them and not because they want to cooperate and help each other.

I also learnt to implement some strategies for the students not to misbehave while doing the exam. For instance I told them that if they had any question they could raise their hand and I could go to their place. This way students did not have to stand up and walk around the classroom. Also, I asked students not to use their cellphones to answer the exam. Otherwise, it would be reflected on the grade they could get from the exam.

I noticed that students will always need help when doing an exam. They do not want to lose it, so they would find a way to win it, to obtain a good grade. I tied to help them by doing them some clues when they asked but I could not give them the complete answer. I think that a good way to help them is by modeling the questions as well as the answers. I could see that students understood better the questions and obviously started answering immediately.

What I did not like about this exam is that I did not design it. But I applied it and the teacher who design it took into account what I had already taught to students.

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