

EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE IN TEACHING

Understanding and connecting with others on an emotional level is a key trait of a strong teacher / leader.

A teacher or mentor must foster relationships, build trust, and actively engage with their students. You need to be able to step into the shoes of your students, understand what matters to them, what their priorities are, and identify common ground. Developing your emotional intelligence gives you a deeper appreciation of the complex challenges.

The Power of a Teacher: A True Story

Recently, a heart-warming story was shared in a newspaper that truly displays the power of a teacher's emotional intelligence.

A Teacher's Impact Beyond the Classroom

In a small town, Mrs. Sharma, a high school English teacher, noticed one of her students, Raj, had been unusually quiet and withdrawn. Raj, typically a lively and engaged student, had started missing assignments and seemed distant. Instead of reprimanding him, Mrs. Sharma decided to reach out.

She invited Raj for a casual chat after class. During their conversation, Raj confided that his father had lost his job, and his family was struggling financially. The stress at home was affecting his studies and overall well-being. Mrs. Sharma listened empathetically and offered words of encouragement. She also discreetly arranged for the school counsellor to provide additional support to Raj and his family.

In the following weeks, Mrs. Sharma noticed a positive change in Raj. He began participating in class again, and his grades improved. Raj later credited Mrs. Sharma's understanding and support as a turning point in his life. He realized that he was not alone and that there were people who genuinely cared for his well-being.

This story was later highlighted in the local newspaper, showcasing the profound impact that emotional intelligence and compassion from a teacher can have on a student's life. Mrs. Sharma's ability to connect with Raj on an emotional level not only helped him academically but also provided him with the strength and resilience to overcome personal challenges.

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Hyderabad Students' Heart Touching Gesture: 133 Follow Teacher To New School After Transfer

In Hyderabad, teacher J. Srinivas, beloved by his students, was transferred, prompting over 250 children to follow him to his new school three kilometers away.

In Hyderabad, government teacher J. Srinivas (53) was transferred. Even before Teacher's Day, the children gave their teacher a very big gift.

In the government school of Ponakal village near Hyderabad, 53-year-old teacher Srinivas used to teach. On July 1st, Srinivas was transferred. The children made a lot of effort to stop him, but they had to abide by the government order. When the teacher started to leave the school, the children closed the school gate, cried, and despite many efforts, the teacher had to leave the school premises. After this incident, no one could imagine what was going on in the minds of the children.

After going home, the students informed their parents about Srinivas's transfer and made a plan: now we will not study in this school anymore. We will study in the school where the teacher has been transferred. Then, what happened? Within two days, more than 250 children from classes one to five, out of which 133 students had been admitted to the new school, which was three kilometers away from their old school.

Following this incident, Teacher Srinivas expressed that it demonstrates how much trust my parents have in me. I fulfilled my duty of teaching their children to the best of my abilities. They liked my teaching. Since government schools now have better facilities, I encourage parents to take advantage of this.

Everyone is praising Teacher Srinivas. Local people have remembered Srinivas's contributions over the past 12 years, especially how he increased the school's number from 32 to 250 through his efforts and inspiration.

These real time examples emphasizes the importance of teachers developing their emotional intelligence to foster a supportive and understanding learning environment. By connecting with students beyond the academic realm, teachers can significantly influence their students' lives, helping them navigate personal challenges and achieve their full potential.