

## My teaching experince in Nei-Li Primary School

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My name is Samukelisiwe Nomthandazo Mafuleka. I am from South africa. Students and teachers call me me by Teacher Sammy as they find it difficult to pronounce my name. On the first week of the school's opening I was assigned to welcome the first graders and the parents. That was a great moment of interaction with the first graders.

The homeroom teachers and co-teachers are very helpful and cooperative during teaching and learning process .At first I was anxious and wondering how would the young graders grasp and understand what I am saying since their English level is limited. Creating conducive environment plays a vital role to enhance participation and engagement of students attention.

There are three challenges that I have noted and put into consideration when I am preparing for my lessons. Firstly Classroom management is very important. For example putting the classroom rules in place and consistantly remind them, speak slowly, use gestures, demonstrate always, design fun games and involve them in speaking activities because they get distracted easily. Secondly, giving them positive feed back and rewards in a form of points, encouraging them to be in charge all the time in the classroom. Lastly, giving them love, show them genuen sincere and care creates a strong bond and trust, for example a students will come to me and show me new clothes they are wearing and I will ask them who bought them this beatiful shoes or whatever they show me and give compliments. Others they call me their mom and get so excited .We use to have fun, during shortbreaks they will come to me and ask to take selfies with them and show them their pictures .The other challenges I have encountered on the first semester was the classes with

special needs and behavioural problems I have created the strategies on how to deal with them .In my classes I use to pay more attention to those students and give them positive feed back and appreciate them a lot if they have done well or give me a correct answer.I have a great moment with my students almost in all subject especial during teaching and learning for example in Life course we discuss things happen in real life for example advantages and dissavantages of wind,they will mention something like wind can dry our clothes,disadvantages they will say that they don't like it because it destroys buildings and people will be disparate for shelter when the wind distroys their houses.Other students will use one or two words and gestures to explain the situation.Coteachers will help with the translation sometimes because there other situation where they will respond in mandirin and find it difficult to understan.Others they understand what I am saying but cannot respond back in English.

The administration stuff and my coordinator are amazing,they are so supportive and very kind.MY coordinator ensures that I get all the resources I will use during teaching and learning on time.Taking care of our needs.In the other hand my agent helped to get the good accomodation ,negotiated the monthly rent I should pay and attend and resolve the grieviences I encounter in myb apartment with the landlord.Out of the classroom along the hall way or coridoswhen I meet students,they come and hug me,greeting me even those that I don't even teach.They will come to our office others with different gifts to give me,others they just come to greet and get hugs.Out of the school sometimes I can meet them in different places like in the shops,restaurents or in clinics they will be excited,show their parents and greet me.In the morning when parents come to drop them at the corner of the school because of the traffic sometimes I would offer my help to parent to leave the student with me. I will go with the child to school and make sure that s/he go to his or her class safely. I reall have a great teaching experience in Nei-Li Primary School.

