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ONLINE LEARNING WITH THE MAIN LITERACY PROGRAMME

Home-based Lessons have been a rollercoaster ride! Here are some of our Educational Therapists teaching experiences.

AMIRAH

Overall, I feel the online experience is very engaging for the kids, and at the same time, they have picked up knowledge to use computers amazingly fast. My best moment so far was my final class of the week with five boys. One of them suddenly said, "I had a wonderful day," followed by another one agreeing and a third adding, "Yeah, I had a productive day". It meant a lot to me that they enjoyed and appreciated the lesson! Then, instead of leaving, they continued chatting with each other and me, so it was obvious how much they missed their friends and social interaction.



ROS WEE

I know I might sound very weird when I say this but even though I was very stressed when I heard that I had to conduct virtual classes, I think nothing stressed me more than not having quality interactions with my students. My students bring me funny anecdotes or even spoilers for movies or a show series that I have yet to watch. They perk up my week. I love listening to them talk about funny videos that they watched on YouTube or just retelling what happened in school earlier that day or week. Honestly, even though it is frustrating helping them navigate through the funny world of technology such as Gmail, Google Calendar, Google Meet, and Google Docs, etc. classes have become more interactive. Everyone in the class can still play Kahoot, I can just share a video on the group chat and everyone can still watch the video at the same time or collaborate in the same document on Kami and several students can annotate the passage together. We still get to have in-depth conversations unless someone's audio is not working that day and then we have to resort to typing, using hand gestures, or even calling each other on WhatsApp before laughing it off. It is all about keeping a positive mindset to make learning fun at home.





LYDIA

At the end of the first Google Hangouts Meet, I invited my class to have a little chat before they said goodbye to each other. It was heartening that a student wrote, "I love this app." All the hustle for them to pick up online skills and connect to be e-learning ready was rewarded in this one small comment.

KARTHIKEYAN



Some of my students have introduced to me to all their siblings, seeing all those cute kids just made me smile. It is a moment I won't forget, and I will always treasure these online moments that I get to interact with these amazing kids. Though we may not be physically present to speak to them, the virtual classroom has made it possible to have meaningful bonds with our students.

PRABA



Online learning has been a bit of a rollercoaster, especially when your students turn on captions (in google hangouts meet) and then it's spelling time! Imagine my horror when you realise, they can copy from the captions on the screen!

One of my students yearns for recognition and appreciation for his efforts. Today he got the chance during the online lesson. His father was home while he was being taught and it was heartening to see his father smile with pride when his son answered correctly during card drill procedure.

And yet another of my students misses her classes at DAS and can't wait till she is back at the learning centre!

MADINAH

Imagine my grumbling stomach when in my Saturday morning lesson my student ordered MacDonald's and then ate his breakfast during my lesson in front of me! Hey, where is my Mac's?

