

Pedagogical Strategies

Airaa following both the Montessori Method ,in the elementary level and the CBSE method grade 6 upwards has its own best way of Pedagogical Practices.

1. Practical life

The experience during the elementary level is designed to teach learners everyday skills that help learners care for themselves and the environment. By learning to use familiar, daily objects, they can confidently carry out everyday tasks and also develop their thinking skills.

This sensorial experience increases their observation and attention to detail, which helps them give an insight into the various elements in the environment, their arrival, existence and uses, thereby aiding their minds to compare, classify and derive conclusions.

Mathematics

Montessori learners are exposed to the study of the basics of Algebra, Geometry, Statistics and Logic along through the use of Unified Math. Arithmetic is the science of computing. By using positive real numbers and sensorial experiences, the concepts are instilled into the minds of the children at an early age.

Language

In the Montessori method, children learn writing before reading. This helps children to explore drawing and forming of letters. Language is made available to children in natural and exciting form. In the language area, a



large variety of reading readiness material for phonetic analysis, word attack skills and reading, as well as materials for the refinement of motor control for writing are made available to the children.

Sciences, Geography & The Arts

The scope of the Montessori science curriculum includes an in-depth preview to subjects like Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Geology and Astronomy. The Nature Table displays plants, animals and experiments. Subjects like History and Geography are introduced to children at an early age of three; while Music, Movement Education and Art are also included, as important parts to the curriculum.

History

History provides the framework for all the fields of study in the Montessori classroom which prepares children to study it from an analytical and comparative point of view. Our learners study history as a series of interesting stories that they immerse themselves in.

Sports & Fitness

Sports is not only a method of staying fit but a passion for all of us at Airaa. Our facilitators and learners end up playing a lot of games together. We want our learners to be healthy and fit but we are also interested to enable them to learn from each game. We want them to learn life lessons like team spirit, the ability to win and lose and the ability to grow together.

Arts & Culture

Airaa believes that extra-curricular activities lead to an overall development of children and helps them to learn to communicate with



other children, and learn to be social through activities and engagement. At Airaa, we have a host of extra-curricular activities which are conducted regularly

Theatre and Story Telling Classes

Aimed at enhancing the social and emotional quotient of children, theatre and team-building classes will provide an environment where children will learn about cooperation, collaboration and will develop a sense of community. These classes will be interspersed with sessions of poetry, drama, songs, dance, mime and craft classes with sessions on various folk art forms, puppetry, rhythm classes and story-telling sessions.

Karate classes

School of Indian Karate teaches Karate to the students of Airaa. The School of Indian Karate has had a rich and fruitful existence for the past 45 years. Students will be learning fitness and basic self-defence techniques along with Katas (movements) at the Junior Belt Level.

At Airaa Pedagogical Practices is a part of innovative learning where Learners are able to hold on to all the ideas that were long discussed in their classrooms.

This also enables the facilitators to influence TLP (Teaching learning Process) with an intention to capture the attention of learners. It helps Learners to enhance their recall capacity by recollecting all the ideas that were taught to them even after a long gap.



Below are a few such pedagogical strategies that pave the way for innovative learning by incorporating interesting and effective teaching methods.

1. Storyboarding – A Stimulating Teaching and Learning Practice:

You will agree with the fact that a subject that is delivered in the form of stories has a longer retention span. Alongside unleashing the imaginative skills of learners, storyboards can also work as communication tools between learners when they narrate a story the pictorial way.

2. Pedagogical creativity-

One of the innovative pedagogical strategies that helps to make use of creative tools that will excite the artistic senses of learners. Subjects like science, math and history are best taught through creative means when learners are prompted to come up with varied ideas. It is this freedom to explore their creative side.

3. Brainstorming Techniques -

The learners here are given full freedom for expressions of ideas, without fear of being judged. Brainstorming is a potent exercise to infuse excitement into learning. With certain ground rules learners participate in both type simple, grouped or paired brainstorming sessions.

4. Application of Modern Technologies -

Use of tools like Audio Visuals, Computer, once in a way, along with the classroom sessions , hands on experiences will help in sharpening their audio and visual skills, they will also start to understand the concepts



better and deeper. Infographics, mind maps and brain mapping tools are some of the pedagogical alternatives.

5. Learning Outside the classroom -

A changed environment can work wonders for learners when they step into the outside world which is full of excitement and freshness and learning happens by itself.. Such a teaching practice will foster creativity, and help learners learn and recall concepts faster.

6. A Prepared Environment / Enlivening Classroom -

The best way to stimulate the minds of learners, allowing them to learn and think better. A bright well lit classroom with planned and prepared rooms is more welcoming for Learners to work with focus and interest.

7. Integrated Approach -

Multiple subjects of scholastic areas along with co-scholastic subjects, like Theatre, Art, Physical education, combined in various ways, to communicate the same concept leaves a better impression. Strategies like Role Play Learners partaking in role plays will begin to exhibit their creativity by stepping out of their comfort zone.

8. School Groups and Clubs –

A great platform to Share Knowledge and Common Interests. Collaborating with like-minded facilitators and collating insights and knowledge from them proves to be of utmost benefit to the learners as well, support for the TLP .



9. Metacognitive Strategies -

Learners are given opportunities to plan and organize, monitor their own work, direct their own learning, and to self-reflect along the way. When we provide them with time and space to be aware of their own knowledge and their own thinking, their ownership increases.

10. Research & Reference method;

The support of books for all areas, developing love towards research and reading, Reading works published by top-class writers will not only help both learners and facilitators tread the path of professional development but will also help to percolate the acquired knowledge to your students as well.

In general, the school offers a broad curriculum, with a range of extra-curricular activities making up an important part of what we provide.

