My Beloved Colleagues Assalamu Alaikum,

WHAT IS SIX THINKING HATS METHODOLOGY?

In 1985, Dr. Edward developed six Hats thinking techniques to facilitated problem solving and critical thinking. We can apply his technique to solve our problems in the classroom. It is useful in a situation with different styles of thinking and non-compromising individuals. The six thinking hats technique is crucial in addressing our problems from a variety of approaches so that concrete decision is reached. It also helps our students to deal with the problem and finally rectify it collectively. Let us use Six Hats Techniques in our classrooms: Divide your class into six groups and assign one hat to each.

1. WHITE HAT: FACTS FINDING
 Tell your students to do one problem a time. What is the fact? Ask your students to identify the facts of the problem. Make brainstorming and gather the needed information. It is the process of information gathering. Ask your students what information is available and how we going to acquire it

2. RED HAT: FEELINGS
Tell your students to use their feelings deep inside them. Does it work or not? How do you feel about it?

3. BLACK HAT: NEGATIVE THOUGHTS
This stage is about your judgment. Why do you thing it works or it will not work? Do we have the talent and expertise to solve this problem?

4. YELLOW HAT: POSITIVE THOUGHTS
This stage is about hope. Let us be positive and God willing we will be able to solve this problem.

5. GREEN HAT: CREATIVITY
This stage is about creativity. Think about opportunities, alternatives and ideas. Be as imaginative as possible. Do we really need new ideas? Who can provide that ideas?

6. BLUE HAT: PROCESS
This stage is about managing the whole process of thinking. If your students run out of fresh ideas, you can borrow some ideas from other hats so that achieve a complete solution to your problems. As thus, six hats thinking can promote the quality of thinking among teachers as well as students. Different colors stimulate and activate students' brain and at the end of the class, a quality classroom environment is created.

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