Teacher Training Session 3: Classroom Management and Participation

Discussion Questions:

1. What is "Classroom management"? What is "Classroom engagement"? What is "discipline"?

2. What are the similarities and differences between these terms?

Classroom Management is...._____

Tips and Tricks for Classroom Management (making sure your students are behaving!):

- 1. Learn your students' names!
- 2. Fun just for fun is not learning. Does your activity have a purpose?
- 3. Always come into class with a plan and agenda. If you don't know what you're doing, then your students will be able to tell!
- 4. Use "Early bird" activities in the beginning of class and "Exit Tickets" at the end of a class.
- 5. Use distinctive signals to get students' attention and make sure they understand classroom commands like "listen" "write" "be quiet" etc.
- 6. Make use of "recaps" and ask questions make sure the students understand the lesson before moving on
- 7. Provide sufficient wait time.
- 8. Make sure your students are engaged!

Classroom Engagement is...._____

Tips and Tricks for Classroom Engagement (making sure your students participate!):

- 1. Make sure you are calling on everyone! Often, 3-4 students do all the participating in the class.
- 2. Never make a student feel embarrassed or say a student is wrong for answering. Try to encourage and appreciate all students' answers.
- 3. Have a bag with each student's name inside. Take a name from the bag each time you ask a question.
- 4. For students who are reluctant to speak, give them advance warning that you will call on them. For example, "Fatima, I want you to read your answer to number four; but first, Mohamed, read number three..."
- 5. For less advanced students, ask easier questions: "In general, Yes/No questions are easier to respond to than "Wh" questions and often "Why?" questions are the most difficult of all.

How do we work with students of different ages/levels?