

Improving Diversity in the Classroom

“Diversity brings new perspectives into the classroom”



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In this article, the author discusses the importance of improving diversity in the classroom setting. The author points out the benefits of creating a more diverse learning environment for students and how the students are able to become more successful as a result of that. Students with a diverse background and culture may often feel left out in the classroom and unsafe. Racial, cultural, and gender differences are important factors in a person's identity, and it's extremely valuable for teaching to help students understand differences better. Diversity helps bring new and different perspectives into the classroom, improves learning outcomes for all students, and creates better discussions and creativity.

This article stood out to me in many ways, especially after having several years in the classroom setting. Diversity is all around us and it is a part of our daily lives. We are constantly around individuals with different cultures, races, gender differences, etc.

whether it be in the workplace, classroom, in public or our own personal lives. I believe that fostering diversity and including it in daily curriculum helps students embrace their own cultural diversity as well as other peoples. It helps to teach them about the world around them and brings new light to the culturally diverse world that we live in. Students at Agora are from all different diverse backgrounds and are able to meet peers that have different experiences and backgrounds than them. It is important to highlight those backgrounds and make all students feel safe and welcome in the classroom. I believe the more we talk about diversity in the classroom and celebrate each child's diverse background, the better prepared for the future they will be.

In regards to how this will affect my efforts in the classroom, I feel I will personally create more lessons that give students opportunities to talk about their backgrounds and culture. During the months of February and March we did mini lessons on Black History Month and Women's History Month, and learned about different historical figures that made a difference. I want to include lessons that have more diversity in the reading content for my ELA classes. I feel students may enjoy reading a story that is about their culture or they can relate to the characters' background in the story. I also feel like having the students teach their peers about their culture or working together in groups to discuss differences and similarities in their backgrounds is a great way to create a more safe and positive learning environment. My goal moving forward is to incorporate more cultural diversity learning into my daily day to day lessons and make sure all students feel welcomed and acknowledged in the classroom.

