



## Qudwa 2017 – Global Teachers' Forum Coffeehouse Sessions

"Activity-Based Teaching Entrepreneurship Education", Armando Persico  
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Entrepreneurship is a mindset. To have the right mindset, take a look at entrepreneurs. They try to solve problems every day. Help students observe reality and how to solve problems.

Armando divided the room into 4 groups and presented them with 4 objects – a plastic water bottle, a bottle cap, a picture, and a small piece of plastic. He asked them to take a look at each object, think like entrepreneurs, and determine which needs can be solved by each specific object.

Armando does this exercise with his students to inspire them. His methodology is to observe a topic, solve problems and improve life. It is essential to design a pathway from elementary school to high school to think like entrepreneurs because companies look for entrepreneurs to see how they can solve problems.

The teacher is a facilitator who helps students identify problems, collaborate, analyze and find solutions.

Armando asked the audience to discuss the skills that they, as teachers, need to have to be good teachers and an inspiration to their students. The following ones were listed:

- Empathy
- Knowledge of students
- Collaborative work
- Ability to think outside the box
- Respect
- Understanding
- Creativity
- Support
- Recognition
- Communication skills
- Resourcefulness
- Time management skills
- Resiliency

A teacher should also be:

- Focused
- Proactive





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- Model
- Innovative
- Passionate

What teachers need as well as tools are:

- Virtual labs
- Infrastructure
- Flexibility of curriculum is important. A rigid curriculum won't help.

