

Hi Colleagues

Teachers might be struggling with ways to deal with learners not doing their work. This could be due to lack of task initiation skills. Below I share some ideas extracted from "**Pathway 2 Success**". A document taken from internet is attached at the bottom for your interest.

**Idea 3: Ideas on how to motivate teachers on task initiation**

*Remind your teachers that any skill can be improved with practice, including the following;*

- Practice brain breaks between tasks
- Be explicit with directions and provide them orally and in writing
- Incorporate areas of interest into the content and curriculum
- Allow the student to work with a partner
- Use a timer to countdown time to get to work
- Have the student answer the questions before starting: What am I doing? What do I need? How can I start?
- Show a model of expected work prior to starting
- Keep a reminder card on the student's desk – "What should I be doing right now?"
- Practice problem-solving skills (i.e. "What could you do if you don't know the answer to a problem?")
- Reduce or eliminate distractions

Take care till then!



Ideas on task  
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