

“Five ideas for inspiring drum students about technique”

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1) Be a technique enthusiast yourself

Always have the sticks in your hand... play on the carpet while sitting around and waiting, be working on technique solos yourself... be inspired yourself by attending clinics and masterclasses..... continue your own study and constantly challenge yourself to improve...

2) Show practical applications of every technique

Always show a practical application of every Rudiment and Technique. Apply the Rudiments to the Drum set after each time they learn one. Point out the rudiments in the songs that they are listening to and playing.

3) Require technique in repertoire that you give them to play

If they are in marching band, drum corps or percussion ensemble make them use their techniques in their repertoire. Find repertoire to give them that will challenge their technique and show them how the Rudiments will help them achieve the speed to play the songs they want to play.

4) Talk about and respect the technique legends of yesterday and today

Show them what you've learned from the masters. Talk about and share videos with them - use the technology that is available to us online to share it with them.

My Drum Technique Video Page:

<http://percussioneducationonline.com/resources/drum-technique-videos/>

5) Focus on the positive, not the negative

Don't say... “don't do this, don't do that...”

Do Say.. “Do this... and you'll achieve this result...”

6) Be a technique enthusiast yourself, and invest in your professional development

I know that it was point 1, but Its worth saying twice!

Be enthusiastic and get into the rudiments yourself if you really want to inspire your students. Invest in good DVDs and books such as the Drum Rudiments System from Railroad media.

Highly Recommended Product:
Drum Rudiment System

Drum Rudiments on 6 DVDs
All Applied on Drum Set
www.drumrudimentssystem.com

