

Anxious parent?

Parents often push their children too hard to excel at a very early stage and play scant attention to the quality of education. But what's the rush?

Every parent is anxious to get their child on the learning track even before they can start speaking! Lest, they feel that their kids will get left behind in the rat-race! Some say that even young children have great learning potential but how much learning is appropriate at every age? Nevertheless, parents are always anxious in pushing their kids over the edge.

#1 Beginning is the key:

Opinions that children form about school and education are greatly influenced by their educational experiences in the first few years of life. As a parent, which of the following statements would you want your child to identify with: 'School is exciting and I am a good learner', or 'School is boring, and I can't learn'. A strong foundation for subsequent success will be in store for children who have conclusions that are positive about education. Therefore, children should be motivated to learn rather than being threatened.

#2 Is earlier better?

We often hear the adage, "The earlier the better," Various researches say that the scope a young child has in learning potential is enormous. Sometimes over-zealously, this information makes parents to stimulate their child's inherent potential. However, physicians report a dramatic increase in the numbers of children who visit them for stress-related conditions. The national Research Council reports that children are being hurried into functioning in ways that do not match their natural modes of learning. What does this mean for parents like us? Just because a young child is capable of memorizing does not mean pushing large quantities of information or a pencil in their hand too early!

#3 Developmentally appropriate practices

Parents should be worried about the quality of educational experience their child is receiving. Didn't Einstein say that "Knowledge is experience and everything else is just information." Pushing down curriculum at primary grades is inappropriate. It is important to know how children can learn and how parents can promote the development of their core capabilities.

PARENT POINTERS

- View learning as a lifelong process
- Create passion for learning from an early age
- Beyond academics, life skills also matter
- Nurture your child's inherent talent
- Concentrate on enrichment and exposure than content

DO YOU?

- Give your child ample time to play
- Insist that your child study all the time?
- Get stressed out about your child's performance?
- Think good mark is the 'only' indicator of success