

“A PARENTS’ DUTY OR LOVE”

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Parents have a pivotal role in a family, especially in their children’s life. They are the pillars of support, guidance, love, and work to earn their living. This time of the pandemic, the parent has a significant role, in their children’s education, not only buying their needs in school and guiding them to do their homework, but they act as a teacher inside their home. Like what we always tell our parents, children don’t need more things. Parent should inspire their child to use that success in a way that influences positive change in the world and be good role models for their children.

During pandemics, children are not allowed to go outside and go to school to study for their safety. The department of education implemented that education must continue so that no students were not left behind. We conduct a series of webinars and meetings with the help of social media to discuss to them what is the role of parents during this time of the pandemic.

Every parent should have a habit of keeping constant and continuous communication with the teacher(s) who engage with their children. With remote learning in place, it has become much easier for families to have contact with teachers either through their work emails or work phone numbers for them to have direct communication. Use this time to schedule a virtual meeting with the teacher to catch up with your child’s progress especially when the skills are difficult for them to understand. This not only shows your child that you are concerned but also assures the teacher that you value what they are doing and that you are committed to supporting the benefit of your children.

Parents are the ones who teach and guide their children with the help of modules given by the teachers. They guide their children to understand the modules per lesson, especially those children who are in primary grades. Writing, reading, and counting are important skills that children must learn. Now that the children are learning from home, parents have so much visibility into the lessons that their children learn. Spare some time and discuss lessons, tests, or performance tasks are given. This is also a great opportunity to go through their academic reports with them and prompt questions on their performance in areas they need assistance.

Parents should be open to their children and must demonstrate the commitment to supporting them in whatever possible way they can give. Create opportunities for them to bring their thoughts to the table and see how they can support them with their learnings.

Parents' duty is when they do something because they must or if it's the "right thing" to do. But love is doing something for the sake of someone's happiness, like the happiness of their children. Duty is an obligation, something they do even when their heart isn't in it, but love is free will, they do anything and everything to see a smile on their children's faces.

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