

PARENTS AS PARTNERS IN A CHILD'S EDUCATION

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Education begins at home. We cannot deny that. Those early lessons a child learns will teach him for the rest of his life.

Lessons of respect, obedience, love, and self-control will help a child become a successful adult. The work of "motherhood" is the most important task ever. Those first five years are essential in a child's development.

It is needed for newborns to feel love. Parents should not feel fearful to show affection. A warm and gentle touch communicates love to a baby. If the child lacks that physical affection, his physical, as well as emotional development will be affected.

Parents want their children to do well in school or even excel in school. They spend time helping them with their Math and reading skills but all too often, they fail to spend time helping them grow in other areas. Emotional balance, self-control – and discipline – all these things are important. They should not be neglected. Children are curious and observant creatures.

Nurture that curiosity but balance it with good judgment. Parents should teach their children to respect others' opinions by setting examples. But they have to teach them how to stand up for their own beliefs in a non-threatening way.

When teaching children to obey, parents need to do so with love. Make a few rules then try to enforce them. Be consistent enough. Give punishment but be sure that it should fit the misbehavior.

The education of a child begins at birth and continues throughout his life. It does not end. Parents should take this responsibility seriously and be thankful for the chance given by God to discipline one of His children. Becoming a parent is one of the wonderful blessings from Him.

Parents are the lifetime partners of teachers in developing and molding them to be responsible and productive citizens of the country.

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