

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING FOR CHILDREN

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One of the crucial things the recent pandemic has taught us is being able to become resilient and survive in the midst of the toughest challenges. Where else can such learning be taught but in the school? Our school children should be quipped and prepared not only with academic learning but with life-long learnings as well including values such as persistence and resilience along with practical skills in life.

Incorporating in the lessons the values of resilience and perseverance can help them appreciate how these values can get them through the challenges of life. One way to do this is to provide activities where they can reflect on different life situations and exchange thoughts on how to deal with them. Watch videos or movies that display resiliency. Express resiliency ideas through writing or illustrations. Make a simple research or study within the school that highlights resiliency. The teacher may also conduct symposiums or invite experts to share knowledge and skills to the students.

For practical skills, as there are subject that teach such like cooking, gardening, sewing, and others hand skills, these can further be enhanced or improved by doing other engaging activities where students can take part of. One is cooking fest in the school or gardening contests. When such activities are presented and done in interesting ways, the students do not only learn but become more engaged in the process. These activities also help them appreciate the importance and value of learning these skills.

When the school opens after the long close due to the pandemic, it is high time to think through the learning we facilitate in our schools. While reading, writing, and arithmetic are all essential, we must also remember that these school children have a life

to live and survive even with being academically equipped with our help and service. With life-long learning we provide, we can better prepare them with their quest for the future.

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