IMPACT OF PANDEMIC TO SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF KINDERGARTEN PUPILS.

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To develop socialization skill, is the main objective in kindergarten level. The aims are helping young children to interact with others. But how do children interact with others if there is social-distancing protocol everywhere?

Social-distancing is depriving children the opportunity to boost their skills, it can possibly delay preschooler’s socio-emotional development.

Kindergarten nowadays is considered as the foundation for social development, especially since it can be the first opportunity for children to learn how to interact with their peers. And without the opportunity to build that foundation, children may find it hard to develop social skills such as peer interactions, problem-solving, and behavioral expectations.

To lessen the impact of social distancing to kindergarten pupils, parents and all the family members could take some time to get along with them. Do some activities that young children could possibly enjoyed the most, like try to play with them, sing with them, read storybooks to them and even role playing will do. Those simple activities could help them feel that they are not alone. The feeling feeling of security will also help to boost their moral.

Parents need to be resourceful and creative when finding different ways for their kids to interact with others using safe social distancing practices and technology to help bridge the gap during the COVID-19 pandemic.
Daily communication with your family especially to your young children, establish routines, and ongoing discussions about feelings all are important aspects of helping kids cope.

Creating a group of parents in your trusted neighborhood with children of the same age as your kindergarten. Let your child get along with other children through video call like zoom, google meet etc.

Parent serves as a facilitator to avoid any harm among children in a group. This activity could also help them to improve their communication skills to children at their young age.

Pandemic could separate us to the outside world, but these things bring us closer to our family. It allows us to seek or feel the real meaning of having a home. Yes, indeed, social distancing makes common things difficult our daily routine has changed. We don’t even meet our friends, neighbor and other family member who’s not living in the same house. But still be grateful. We have our family which serves as an outlet through face to face social contact. Take this as opportunity to lessen the impact of social distancing or physical distancing to your child. Things will be possible if you do it with a heart.

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