KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM: PROVIDING GOOD AMOUNT OF GROWTH AMONG SCHOOLCHILDREN

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Kindergarten program plays a vital role for the children. As generated from various resources, it helps them to grow physically, mentally and emotionally. As early as five years old, it is important for the children to get trained on communication and manners as well. In the recent times, the kindergarten program has been utilized by parents to provide their kids a good area for growth.

In the Philippine setting, the Kindergarten Education Law (RA 10157) made Kindergarten the compulsory and mandatory stage to basic education. One of its sections provides that all five-year old children shall be given equal opportunities for Kindergarten Education. This is to promote their physical, social, emotional and intellectual development, including values formation so they will be ready for school. DepEd considers that Kindergarten is the transition stage from informal to formal learning since age five is within the critical years where progressive involvements must be nurtured to determine school readiness.

Various researches support that Kindergarten is the period of greatest growth and development, when the brain develops rapidly and almost at its fullest. It is also the stage when self-esteem and moral foundations are established. Teachers and parents and other stakeholders should therefore be guided to facilitate explorations of the pupils in an engaging and creative curriculum that is developmentally appropriate. By providing varied play-based activities, pupils will be led to becoming emergent literates. In addition, it helps them to naturally acquire the competencies to develop holistically. By exploring their environment, children are able to understand the world, as they are
encouraged to create and discover. Eventually, this will lead them to become willing risk takers and ready to tackle formal school works.

Moreover, through the Kindergarten program, children also learn to communicate with other people in an efficient way. As there will be schoolchildren coming from different background, they will be able to learn different ways of communication and new things in a short span of time.

Without a doubt, the Kindergarten program provides a good amount of growth among schoolchildren. A number of advantages can be acquired if only both internal and external stakeholders will work hand in hand for the benefit of the most important clienteles: the learners.

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