THE VALUE OF CHILD’S EDUCATION

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Proverbs 22:6 says, “Train a child the way he should go; even when he is old, he will not depart from it. “

Early education begins at home. That simple way of saying Po and Opo is already a training for the children to be respectful to everyone. Saying "excuse me" is a virtue of politeness to the young and to the elderly that they come across with. Kissing the hands of the elders is a way of showing how they value all their teachings and pieces of advice which they will remember as they grow up. These things will mold them to be good citizens in the future. All the lessons of respect, self-discipline, reverence and kindness will be their keys to attain success in life.

Another type of child’s education at home is doing simple household chores like washing dishes, folding of their own clothes and fixing their bed sheets. These are simple tasks that every child should learn for them to value their hard work and independence. Learning these at young age will teach them how to be responsible and resilient at all times. Education starts at home and is enhanced in school.

Parents have a huge part in giving early education at home. Teaching their children to be disciplined, to have good habits and to love God above all is as important as learning how to read and write at an early age.

Education can take place anywhere; it could be in a formal or informal setting. As Chen (1974) emphasized, education is a discipline that is concerned with methods of teaching and learning in schools or school-like environments as opposed to various non-
formal and informal means of socializing like rural development projects and education through parent–child relationships. Education is an essential form of transmitting values and academic knowledge in the society.

At a young age, children should be taught not only how to read and count but most importantly, they should be taught how to value their worth as a person, their talent and skills. They should also learn to love their culture and their nation. They should always be proud to be Filipinos. Everything they will do is a reflection of who they are as citizens of this country. Giving our children the right education will direct them toward eventual role in the society. They could perform it at their best without any hesitation by obtaining relevant and quality education at young age.

According to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), early childhood education is the foundation of child’s social skills, self-esteem, perception of the world and moral outlook in life. Children should be taught before the age of eight. It is in this period that children go through the most rapid phase of growth and development. Their brains develop faster than any other point in their lives.

Parents should be aware that every child's need is unique. It is important to understand that adults who interact with children are considered education providers. They should adapt to the emotional reactions of children, think with mature perspective, and be emphatic teachers at all times to young-aged learners. Inspire them to be creative and happy in everything they do.

Education of a child begins at home and continues throughout life. As one quotation says,

“Children are not things to be molded, but are people to be unfolded.”
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