WHAT TEACHERS WISH PARENTS KNEW ABOUT SCHOOL

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What can you do to help your child in school?

There is a crisis in Education. Elementary pupils finished elementary as a little better than “illiterates”. Teachers are often accused of being incompetent. The declining standard of education is becoming a major issue in our educational system. The mere fact that the problem starts at home and our children are caught in between.

It is too easy to blame teachers when our children bring home failing grades. While it is true that some teachers are not the most skillful, some other children are clearly able to learn from them. Even though many schools do not have the best facilities, many children managed to get education there and graduate from high school and college with honors.

Why? That is what happens in school is only one part of the educational process. Parents, also have vital roles in determining their children’s success at school. We may not have realized it, but the teachers need your help. Most teachers take pride in their work. They are competent and dedicated. It is not just for the salary nor that they have no other choice but to teach. Nothing gives teachers greater satisfaction than helping others develop their talents. However, there are some things that must be taught at home.

Here are the things that teachers wish parents would teach their children to help them do better, at school:
1. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO VALUE EDUCATION

Let them know that learning is a “way out” of endless cycle of poverty that has gripped their families for generations. Teachers wish parents would give extra time and effort to teach their child in reading, counting, and help them answer their assignments to show that parents value education too.

2. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO RESPECT AUTHORITY

Parents who are polite to those in authority, and who show proper respect for their leaders are teaching their children a valuable lesson that can help them get the most from school. Parents should always make special effort not to argue and disagree in front of their children. Above all, teachers ask the parents to support them if they have to discipline their offspring at school.

3. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE HONEST

Parents and teachers should work together to instill the right values in children, but if parents undermine the school, the teacher may as well quit, as many do.

4. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO DO THEIR HOMEWORK

Teachers wish parents would cooperate. Try to set aside a quiet place where children can sit and work undisturbed. Encourage them to complete their work on time.

5. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO BE MORE RESPONSIBLE

Train your children to do their task neatly and properly. Let them accomplished their task without telling them to do so.
6. TEACH YOURSELF TO COMMUNICATE

Teachers wish parents would communicate with them. Most teachers wish that parents would take advantage of occasional open-house and other opportunities for parent-teacher conferences. Teachers and parents need to work together.

There still thousands of dedicated and competent teachers who have accepted the responsibility to be part in educating our children, but they know they can only do part of the job. They need your HELP!!!!！！!!!

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