



Education Is Power

By Thomas E. Wilson

Parents frequently underestimate the importance of their role in the child's learning process. One very important function of the parents is keeping a keen and sensitive watch for factors that affect the child's ability to function.

One factor is the emotional climate. Is there a quiet place for studying without interruptions? Does the child feel secure? Is his/her self-concept a healthy one? Does he/she relate well to his/her siblings? How does he/she view the parent's relationship to each other? Does he/she have good reason(s) to consider his/her parent's relationship a secure, pleasant and loving one? Does he/she feel safe and unthreatened enroute to school? Does he/she consider himself/herself accepted by his/her peers? Does he/she consider himself/herself successful in the classroom? Are his/her efforts acknowledged? Is he/she included in playground activities?

If the answer to these questions is yes, your child is probably ready to join the "achievers." If there are one or more no's, you may have a very important job to do.

What could make a child feel insecure? Loud and sudden noises (especially small children), hostility directed toward him or between people near to him (especially his/her parents), illness or loss of someone near to him/her, distressing conversations, violent or wierd movies on television shows, relocating the family, financial problems, a low self-concept, a feeling that he/she is not as well liked as his/her siblings — all may contribute to a feeling of insecurity.

Any wise and prudent parent can help a child to develop a good self-concept. Accentuate the positive, minimize the negative. Point out good qualities, but truthfully. "You have a pretty smile," is a good opener. Look for something positive to help cultivate.

If your child considers a sibling to be a "natural enemy," try to examine the situation objectively. There may be room for improvement on both sides. A wise and fair parent can help to develop a wholesome relationship that can be very important in the future.

Many children find it difficult to concentrate on studies if the parent's relationships appear to be in trouble. If the child perceives this to be so, he/she may suffer from feelings of insecurity, threats of abandonment, guilt, shame or just plain fear.

A sixth grader may look like a giant to a child in kindergarten. Does he/she encounter threats on the playground?

Most schools have carefully monitored recess periods and all children who want to play may do so.

If the child is provided a quiet place to study, he/she is less likely to be discouraged when the assignment gets difficult.

And don't we all enjoy an encouraging word? Let the child know that someone cares about his efforts both in and out of school.

All of the above may contribute heavily to a child's success in school.

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