

THE TEACHER AND THE CHILD

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The mistake of an Engineer is plastered in the wall.

The mistake of a Doctor is buried in the grave.

But the mistake of a Teacher is reflected on the nation.

To know a child love him first. Each child has individuality. A teacher has to tap the inborn talent of a child and encourage him in the field in which he is interested. A teacher is not expected to teach without preparation. If a teacher does not know a particular subject, she/he must accept it in front of the children, telling them that she/he would refer to the point and teach them the next day.

Learning by heart is a curse upon the children. The teacher should make them understand, but thrusting upon them anything compulsory will not yield result.

Children can be grouped into intelligent ones, average ones and slow learners. Intelligent ones can be utilized in teaching the dull ones. Visual aids, maps, experiments, models have to be taken as aids for good and quick teaching. Children are usually attracted by impressive pictures and very soon they come to know the story by themselves when they read books when stories are illustrated in pictures, they can easily understand them. Promotion of the imaginative power of children will do them good. When a child tells a story—even if the story is unbelievable the teacher should not hurt the child by saying that it is unbelievable. If done so, it will reduce the imaginative powers of the child.

Notes of lessons prepared by the teachers must be clear and up to the point. Teachers must prepare in advance good lectures by referring to books and

presenting the lesson to the children in an impressive way. When lessons are taught with pictures and charts children easily follow the teaching and remember the theme of the lesson for ever.

Home work given to children must be checked regularly and corrected. Some teachers have the habit of giving homework and tests but do not correct it. On account of this indifference of teacher—children will become dull and lazy.

While teaching in a class, putting questions frequently to the children will keep them alert and attentive. A teacher should answer questions put to them, politely without getting angry with them. A vigilant teacher capable of answering questions put to them off and on in the class can improve himself and reach the perfection, over years.

The teacher should get along with the children and try to find their psychology and also spot out what is hidden in them. They must be given chance to do what they think in mind. Even if a student is not good at studying, he/she will be good in something else. Creativeness is necessary to create the sportive mind in the children.

When a child commits a mistake or something bad the tea-

cher should call the child, make the child understand that a mistake is done and feel for it. Children should not be taken to task in public as that will create inferiority complex in them and make them worthless in the coming years.

If any good deed is done by children, an announcement made in public will make them happy and give them encouragement to do more and more good deeds.

A good teacher who loves children and helps them in their studies is an asset to any school. A teacher who creates fear in the hearts of children is a liability and the sooner she/he is removed, the better for the school.

What a teacher can do for the child is to develop the creative mind in them and make them honest, healthy and strong people. The duty of a teacher is to work for developing the mental, moral and physical powers of children, to say in one word, production of perfect men, sound in character, active in mind and strong in body.

If we love children they will grow without fear, the fear is the root cause of all our ills today. The young will grow with tenderness to all, with pity for the weak and with strength in the face of sorrow and suffering.

Kindness During Life

I would rather have one little rose
From the garden of a friend,
Than to have the choicest flowers
When my stay on earth must end.
I would rather have one pleasant word
In kindness said to me,
Than flattery when my heart is still,
And life has ceased to be.
I would rather have a loving smile,
From friends I know are true,
Than many tears shed round my casket,
When this world I bid adieu.
So bring me all your flowers today,
Whether pink, white, blue, or red;
I'd rather have one blossom now
Than many after I am dead.

—Mable Dennis Mullin

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