

Editorial

Now that the schools have reopened, parents, especially mothers are perplexed...Every day the dilemma of whether to send or not to send to school...the hot weather, the new environment, new sessions, the threat of another infection and the choice to go online or offline. Children too are excited on one hand to go out of home and make new friends but some don't want to leave the comfort of cozy homes. But as it is said, life has to move on...then why not take everything in your stride.

Children, the World is beautiful, the more you explore the more you find it mesmerizing. No education is complete without seeing and experiencing yourself. Surfing the internet may have become a part of your life, however, chatting with friends adds spice to life, strolling in nearby parks, cycling, and playing football and badminton can make you agile and make your day.

Each child is special with her/his own likes and talents. Never compare yourself with others, you are unique and you have all the potential to grow. Make sure you are better than yesterday, learned something new, or did something interesting and innovative. Scribble, draw, paint, colour, or write and spend quality time with your loved ones. Cherish small things and create your own beautiful world around. Surround yourself with besties and loving people.

Parents can give the best education to children by not just sending them to schools but by taking them to newer places, indulging in new activities, and exploring heritage sites. Visiting zoos and national parks. Taking kids for small and simple treks. Hiking early in life will inculcate the habit of exploring and make them strong and face challenges. Sending children to summer nature camps can add value to their life and admiration of nature and biodiversity. Spending quality time with your child will go a long way in bonding with them, inculcating good values and cherishing the time spent together.

Not to forget that there are lakhs of children who are not as fortunate as you are, do a small bit by lending a helping hand but with dignity to support children from marginalized sections within your own limits.

Children grow very fast...you will not realize when they have grown up and gone to find their place under the sun. Cherish life together at every stage, it's a joy to see them growing. I wish each child to have the best time in school and at home and for parents to enjoy the moments with their children.

In this issue of 'Childhood Matters' we have collected some gems for you to read and cherish. Dilemmas of going to school, being compassionate, being a woman and a mother, dental care, reflection of a teacher on the online education, new education policy, right to education and equity, and some darker issues of child abuse, JJ ACT, child begging ending with a beautiful poem.

Enjoy reading and share your thoughts.

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