

Child Educational Tips

It is important to note that education starts before birth. The expectant mother's physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs must be met if a child is to reach their full academic potential. The physical health of a child is essential to their academic success. Academics start at conception. Parents should read during the time of pregnancy. Studies show that the mood of the mother and the stimulation of reading elementary books affect the unborn child inside the mother's womb. Parents should read to their children on a daily basis and especially (the first six years of life, which are referred to as the formative years), the years when many psychologist say that the child's personality is formed.

1. Pray for the child's spiritual and physical well being and their academic success.
2. Make sure that the child gets plenty of rest and relaxation.
3. Make sure that the child's nutritional needs are met.
4. Talk to the young child as often as possible (language skills are essential for academic success).
5. Praise the accomplishments and the academic success of the child, let children know that they are loved and appreciated, balance praise and criticism.
6. Make sure that the child grows up in an environment that simulates their mind (bright colorful objects tend to excite children and raise their curiosity level which leads to an active mind.)
7. Play games with the child such as using your fingers to count. Repeat numbers and alphabets on a regular basis.
8. Travel as much as possible during the first six years with the child. Traveling provides a change in environment, which tends to stimulate the mind.
9. Parents need to be good role models for their children. Children tend to copy the behavior of their parents. If they see their parents reading they tend to do so. It is important to do and say the right things as parents.

10. Encourage children to pray for academic success for there is power in prayer.
11. Communicate with your child find out if they are doing their homework and if your child needs help don't be ashamed to seek help for your child.
12. Communicate with the school system, know teacher expectations, attend PTA meetings, be consistent, do whatever it takes to help your child.

Believe in your child let them know that they can be whatever they want to be if they put their minds to it. Teach your child about their background and history. Instill a sense of pride and well being in your child. Let them know that they are somebody because they are made in the image of God and within the love of Christ they can be successful.