

The Role of Family in School Success

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Abstract

Children's establishing healthy communications is related closely with the healthy relations established between parents. At times when parents are cross with each other, no close relations can be established with children. Because the tension faced is also reflected in children in one way or another. Children follow all the events happening around them closely. In this respect, parents should pay extreme attention to their attitudes towards each other. Because children can imitate any kind of positive or negative behaviors of their parents according to their own wills through observations. In this context, being model parents for children are very important. Parents should teach their children to communicate with other individuals to enable them to establish healthier relations in the society. This is a prerequisite. Another important condition in teaching communication is the way of communication which parents establish with their children. Children feel that this communication is important, and take it as an example.

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The existence and future of a society is in the hands of children. Children are under the guarantee of their parents. These beings, i.e. children, who are that important are shaped according to the positive or negative behaviors of their parents. For this reason, the existence of the society is related closely to these attitudes of parents (Yörükoğlu, 1996). Some behaviors taught by families are accepted by children, and children live in the society by applying these behaviors they learn from their families (Dönmezer, 1999). In some way, the interaction that occurs within the family also shapes the society. In this context, the attitudes and behaviors of the family have extreme importance in raising children. It is in the hands of families to raise individuals who will be beneficial to the society. For this reason, well-equipped, self-educated and exemplary families are in fact the guarantee of our own future. For this reason, parents must know the social rules and child education (Tezel, 1999), or follow those who know it. In this respect, educated and conscious parents must understand, recognize and support their children to educate them better. This support should not be perceived only in terms of studying lessons. Children also need support in daily and social life. In this respect, effective support in addition to education will ensure that children are more productive, perceive faster, and for this reason, are more successful in their lessons (Yavuzer, 1995). For this reason, parents have important duties. In this respect;

- * Games have an important place in children's lives. For this reason, schools must not prevent the child from playing games. For this reason, children must be allowed to play after school. In this way, students will be able to eliminate the stress they face along the day, and be ready for the following day. In addition, children must also be taught to work more efficiently instead of working hard. In this way, children will be able to do more productive work in a short time and play more in the remaining time.
- * Children must not be told anything against the school and the teacher. Otherwise, they will start to think negatively about their school, and this will affect them negatively.
- * In all cases children must be supported in terms of their lessons. They must not be applied pressure even if they receive low grades. Parents must know the capacity of their children and have expectations in line with this knowledge. Similarly, parents must not cause that their children have unnecessary and out-of-their-capacity expectations. Because, if they cannot achieve such high expectations, this may wear them down at an excessive rate. It should not be forgotten that each individual has his/her own way of self-perception.
- * Follow-up of children's school and lessons must not be left only to the mother or only to the father, and both parents must take care of the children's lessons.
- * Parents and teachers must be in solidarity to follow their children and their success in school better (Green, 2003). Parents whose children start school will see that their children take into account their teachers more after a certain time (Fidan, 1987). For this reason, many subjects will be taught to children through teachers. In this way, parents must not leave teachers alone under the burden (Turkkan, 1997), and must help without judging teachers' methods.

Teacher must approach more to students, be patient (Yavuzer, 1995), try to understand them (Erden, 1997) and make children love him/her. Because education achieves success more with love.

- * Children must rely on parents and teachers to be successful, and know that these people struggle for their success.
- * Children must have the habit of studying for a certain time. This time must neither be too long or too short. Children must learn how to study in the most efficient, productive and programmed way. In this context, the parents, class teachers and guidance teachers, who know the capacities of children best, must come together and define a common study program. Parents must help their children to obey this program.
- * The study setting of children must be prepared, and if possible, children must have a private room to study. The desk and chair in the rooms of children must be suitable for their body size. Children must carry out the program in their own desk not in different rooms.
- * The desk of children must be placed far from the window and in an area that receives plenty of light. The light must come to children directly, which will ensure that the shadow will not fall to the front, and the attention of children will be preserved. It must also be cared for not to place the stationery that might distract the attention of children on the desk. Children must be allowed to study in the way they like to study comfortably. Because some students learn by studying aloud while some other learn by doing. Children must be allowed to study so as not to disturb others. School success is not spontaneous. Effort must be spent to achieve success. It is obvious that no success will arrive without spending effort. For this reason, parents must spend efforts to bring success. Parents must not think that they may achieve success only by doing what is told or written (Yörükoğlu, 1996). It is possible to achieve success; however, there is also the probability of failure. Because the perception and comprehension of each child are different. Aside from this, it must be kept in mind that each child is a separate individual. For this reason, each individual must be treated differently. Parents must be able to define the needs of their children, and then, produce solutions for them. Success is only possible in this way.

Important Duties of Parents

In today's conditions, and in the fast pace of our daily life, the duties of parents have increased much. The environment or the medium in which they live may cause that they may go astray easily. For this reason, parents must control and "follow-up" their children in a careful way. The thing meant with "follow-up" is controlling with whom children spend their times and what they do. This does not mean that parents must follow children step by step. Even if children arrive at certain ages, they may need the advice and opinions of their parents. In such situations, parents must be close to their children. It is natural that sometimes children will do wrong. The duty of parents is to ensure that their children find their roads without being fed up with this. When doing this, parents must make their children feel that they are near them always and under any circumstance. This is possible when they establish close relations with them. The way to doing this is speaking to children without questioning them. Parents must tell their children how much they are valuable for them and how much they love them when they speak to them. Parents who act in this way will show that they love their children without any condition and without any remuneration. However, parents must ensure this unconditional trust and also teach them how to behave in the society with due discipline. Because the discipline concept is as important and valuable as love for children. Parents must fulfill their responsibilities to ensure that their children have their place in the society in a healthy way. The duties of parents may be listed as follows:

- * Parents must approach their children with a smiling face, love and affection to ensure that they respect other opinions and other individuals.
- * Parents must never apply violence to their children (MEGEP, 2007).
- * Parents must try to know and understand their children and try to behave in a way that takes their emotions into consideration.
- * Children must not fear their parents. If children fears any of the family members, the integrity of the family may be disrupted.
- * Parents must share the joys and sorrows of their children.
- * Parents must listen to their children with interest, and answer them by establishing eye contact with them. The questions asked by children must not be ignored.
- * Parents must fulfill their promises. The promises that are not fulfilled must be explained to children with justifications, and parents must apologize to their children for this. Children will be able to forgive their parents with their immense tolerance. However, to avoid such a situation, the promises that may fail must not be made to children. Frequent failure in performing promises will cause that children will not feel trust in their parents.
- * Parents must not argue before the eyes of their children. The arguments between family members may cause that children feel obliged to take parts. Such an attitude may be converted into hatred for the mother or the father. For this reason, words or actions that may break the hearts between family members must be avoided.

- * Even if children do wrong, they must be told that the behavior was wrong without criticizing them and by using correct words with tolerance. Otherwise, criticizing every behavior of children will shake the self-confidence of children.
- * Parents must intervene to the fights among siblings. Children must not be left alone to sort out their fights. In such a situation, the one that is strong may always be right. In such a condition, the one that is weak will have his/her self hurt even if s/he is innocent. To avoid this, parents must intervene and try to find the reason of fights and determine the one who is guilty. Punishing both sides will not end the fight, contrary to this, it increases the anger between siblings.
- * Children must not be compared with others. Children who experience this will hate the children who are compared and may have increased jealousy.
- * Parents must try to perform reasonable wishes of children. However, children who throw themselves down in malls and demand that their wishes are fulfilled must be told with an absolute way that they do not receive what they want in this way. Most parents buy what their children want in such a situation and get angry to their children when they arrive at home. Instead of doing this, parents must use the “rejection mechanism”, which is more accurate. Because not buying everything to children is not shameful, but not saying “stop” is a shame.
- * Parents must not tell lies to teach children not to tell lies. Children must be told that lying is a very bad behavior and that correct behavior is very valuable.
- * Parents must direct children to sportive activities. In this way, children will get rid of their excessive energies, and learn a different discipline. Sports must not be considered as mere bodily activities. Because each sport has its own philosophy and rules to be obeyed.
- * Parents must teach how to in an orderly style. Sanctions must be applied about doing their beds, tidying up their rooms, toys and clothes. Children may be deliberately deprived of an activity they love very much as a punishment when they do not do what is told or when they disrupt order. Children who are not raised in this way will have difficulties in their future lives. For this reason, precautions must be taken when children are small.
- * Children must be told about the benefits of solidarity and sharing. Of course, money is important for our lives. However, parents must make their children comprehend that money is a toll and not a goal. However, sharing money must not be confused with sharing toys. Because toys are much more precious for children than money. For this reason, when children are being taught how to share, children must not be criticized for not sharing their toys. Children’s not wishing that they give away their toys is very natural. Children may learn how to share their toys etc. when they arrive at a certain age. For this reason, children must not be oppressed.

Conclusion

Being a role model is very important in raising children. This behavior type must be acquired by children. Being a role model and ensuring that children follow them are among the important duties of parents. Another responsibility of parents is disciplining children in line with the rules of the society. However, under present conditions, unfortunately, parents cannot allocate due time to their children. Because the period in which we live takes away the times of parents. Children are unlucky in this respect. Parents who live a stressful and active life cannot show the love, affection and discipline to their children because of this fast pace. However, before it is too late, and to avoid future grievances, children must be loved in due time, they must be given a hand, and given hug in a sincere way. In this way, parents will show their children how much they love their children both in verbal and with actions. The family must not ignore this, and do this in due time. After children grow up, suddenly giving them a hug will be perceived as artificial by children. For this reason, it is necessary that children are loved, respected and their souls be addressed in due time when they need these most. PERIOD!

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