How to cultivate a positive learning attitude in young children from an early age?



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Many parents hope that their children will develop a love for learning from a young age. However, children don't automatically develop a liking for learning; it requires parents to gradually nurture them, bit by bit.

Encouraging Children in Interactions

Children won't initially learn to persevere on their own. It's the parents' responsibility to encourage them to persist in the process, instilling in them an anticipation of success. When a child succeeds, parents can review the past with them, allowing the child to feel the valuable outcomes achieved through perseverance and encouraging them to continue exhibiting positive behavior.

Providing Intrinsic Motivation

Often, children need some motivation to excel in certain tasks. Parents should emphasize what the child gains without making comparisons, such as satisfying their sense of achievement, enjoying the process of effort, and receiving appreciation from parents. This helps children experience the joy of learning and establishes intrinsic motivation, enabling them to engage in learning activities willingly from the heart.



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Parents set a good example

Learning knows no age limits, and parents can demonstrate proactive learning and curiosity in front of their children. For instance, parents can learn to cook new dishes online, expressing to their children that, even if they don't understand initially, they persevere and learn from various sources. Even if the outcome isn't delicious, they commit to improving next time. Allowing children to see their parents' initiative and curiosity in learning through real examples is much more effective than mere verbal instruction.

There are no children who don't love learning; there are only parents who don't know how to teach their children to learn. A love for learning is inherent in children. Correctly instilling a positive learning attitude in children, can only be achieved through the parents' persistence and continuous efforts, reinforcing the child's motivation for learning through various everyday experiences.