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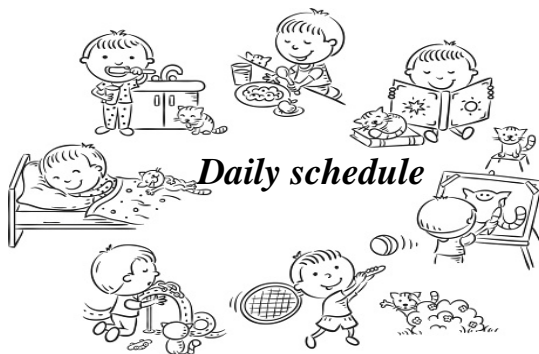
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Parenting Tips

WHERE DOES A CHILD'S EDUCATION BEGIN? IN SCHOOL OR AT HOME?

Dear Parent,



6:00 a.m.	The alarm rings, time to wake up!
6:30 a.m.	Take a shower, get dressed.
7:45 a.m.	Breakfast and final morning preparations.
8:00 a.m.	Children head to school and parents are off to work.
3:30 p.m.	Children return home from school.
5:00 p.m.	Make dinner and children go outside to play.
6:00 p.m.	Children work on their homework and computer time.
7:00 p.m.	Sit down for dinner and watch TV
9:30 p.m.	Children get ready for bed.

When looking at the schedule above, what do you notice? Have you ever asked yourself?

- How much time was spent on homework?
- Are the children having difficulties in any subjects?
- Who are my children playing with? And what are they playing?
- What internet sites are they visiting?
- Who are they communicating with online?
- What television programmes are the children watching?

Just as young plants require nurture to grow, so do children. Parents need to spare time to provide educational and emotional support for their children. A child's education begins at home, not at school, and therefore, parents should play an active role in their children's education. A preschooler will need parents to support his freedom to play, explore and be creative while a teenager will require more support on understanding key concepts.

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