

# Early Education and Pre-Schooling

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## *Abstract*

Early education is necessary in present environment where pre-school are a big help in imparting the best education. Therefore all the countries are leaving no stone unturned to fulfill the aim of giving quality education to their little citizens. The age group of early education is considered to be 2 or 2+ to 8 or 8+. Play & activity based learning is important in early education which develops moral & social skills. Education means whole personality development so our aim is to give new, creative environment to future generations. A pre-school teacher should also be patient, willing, enthusiastic, creative & active all the time for kids. The environment of early education in school should be cozy & well facilitated with flexible curriculum. Sometimes due to inadequate resources, improper planning and ineffective implementation strategies it becomes difficult to achieve the goal of quality education especially in a vast and populous country like India

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## **Introduction**

This article is about importance of early education in pre-schools with 4-7 years old children. But now-a-days many private pre-schools are spreading in our societies which are taking children of 2 years or 2+ to 8 years or 8+ of age & helping parents in making their child self dependent. Besides giving a relaxation to the working parents it is also helpful in developing children in every field of education. Early learners age group children are not like other students. Their needs are unique & they interact first with the teacher as a first person outside his/her family.

## **Why Early Education Is Important**

Early education starts in the cradle & gets life long experiences. If a child gets good education in starting it effects his/her in later classes also. In this age, the brain develops faster than at any other point in their lives so these years are critical. The foundations for their social skills, self esteem, perception of the world & moral skills are established during these years, as well as the cognitive skill developments. Parents must understand the importance of first 8 years which are critical for identity developments. Children develop a self identity & begin to form relationship. They also learn how personal behaviour can affect them & others. Likewise, experts believe that play & activity based learning positively contributes to children's emotional development. Since playing usually requires the use of multiple motor & mental functions. Children develop various skills as well. Play based learning also aids children in developing morals & social skills.

## **Content**

Pre-school learning for early education should be encouraged. The importance of early years of life in personality development has been emphasized by Freud as according to him 'Child is the father of man'. In India, where people mostly have the opinion that "education is nothing but literacy". This thinking should be transform with a new thought and aim that literacy is a part of education. Education means the whole personality development which can be fully successful by early education. There is a need of promoting early education in a correct way to get the best environment for our future generations to develop in all aspects of life. Getting a child admitted in pre-school is not only a fashion but also a need now-a-days. At home it is not easy to provide all the facilities for the whole personality development. Children learn second language well in pre-school in better manner.

They get peer group & different brain games, puzzles, toys in school with an atmosphere of learning with play way method. So just to lessen the burdens of parents early learning in pre-schools is beneficial. Unfortunately, children who are not getting early education get affected negatively. Educating children in pre-kindergarten is one step that can be taken to improve a society economically & socially. It has been shown that children should begin to receive education before kindergarten since children experience substantial brain development during these early years.

## Virtues of a Pre-School & Pre-School Teachers

Dealing with kids needs patience, dedication & sensitivity. Sometimes, it becomes very exhausting & depressing but if you take the challenge, it can also be extremely rewarding. We can imagine that dealing with one kid at home is quite difficult, on the top of that handling different kids with various abnormal characteristics, no doubt is all the more difficult.

When you decide to work with children the first question you should ask to yourselves. Do I like working with kids? If the answer is not 'Yes' than this profession may not be best for you. A child can become very attached to you as a "substitute" for their parents. Great teachers are adaptable to the emotional reactions of their students. The pre-school should be creative and adaptive that can motivate toddlers. Lessons in early education classrooms should be lively. They involve art & craft, story telling, exercise, educational games & more. Teaching children is such a highly specialized field. In early education initial teaching starts from sharing toys, taking turns & interacting with teachers & each other. Classroom must be interactive & stimulating to foster an exciting learning environment. Gradually, it is switched over to stimulate a real life social environment & promote peer learning. The purpose of early education is not only to impart knowledge of different academic dimensions like – Maths, language & environment but also to develop in them an interest of academics & other extra curricular activities with growing classes and age.

## Hurdles in Implementation

1. Early education is not mandatory so, it is normally neglected.
2. Our government is not able to give compulsory primary education.
3. Here some people who can afford private schools are sending their children but rest of them are ignoring it due to financial crisis.
4. Due to poor salaries, no highly qualified person likes to take up teacher's job in primary school.
5. There is a defective curriculum, no scope for the students creativity & constructive thoughts.
6. Social problems like-poverty, early marriage, preference of religious & state language, gender difference etc.

## Conclusion

After this long discussion it is concluded, no doubt, early education is very important in a person's life and a good pre-school plays a significant role in getting the aim fulfilled. Pre-school & kindergarten are important beginnings to the academic careers of children. Parents & teachers involved during this step are influential in helping kids master the material, and to relax & enjoy learning.