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In Everyone Something's Different

## Is it Important For Children to Work on School Skills in the Summer or Take Break?



THE BURNING QUESTION

According to experts, summer learning loss can set kids with learning and attention issues back as much as two to three months. Hence it's essential to strike a balance between reinforcing academic skills and having lots of summer fun.

- A dedicated 30 minute schedule to reinforce skills could be the best way to maintain and perhaps hone your child's skills over the summer.
- Encourage your child to write a paragraph or maintain a daily journal. Together you can come up with a minimum length for each entry and other details such as correcting misspelled words.
- Try watching TV together with the sound muted and the subtitles on. Encourage your child to read the captions. Pause the show every now and then and discuss what's going on.
- The kitchen is a great place to work on reading, writing and math. Ask your child to write the grocery list, find items in the store and read recipes aloud during cooking time. Measuring ingredients can also help keep math skills from getting rusty.
- Arrange play dates with other kids to help reinforce social skills.
- Tapping into your child's interests is a great way to motivate your child to strike a balance between having fun and working on skills.

## **Perspective of a good day**

*“Ms. S, why are you so sad today?”, asked my child, M.*

*I was a little taken aback at her ability as a 10 year old to identify a feeling, perhaps manifested through my worn-out body language that day (owing to the fact that I am pretty good at camouflaging any other external signs of my internal emotions).*

*“Umm, Ms. S is just a little tired today”, I said, with the usual habit of referring to myself as a third person in front of a child.*

*Curious and caring little minds like these often pull me back from a zone of turmoil to a place of potential joy. With desk full of documents to be filled in, periodic lesson planning to be worked on, continuous progress to be tracked and heaps of work left to be tended to at any given point of time, life as a teacher is never as easy as the society often conceives it to be. Amidst these , as an educator, I sometimes tend to lose sight of how to weigh a good day against a bad one. (The scale easily tips towards the latter, thanks to the pessimistic nature of my mind!)*

*This happens to naturally reflect on the way I walk, talk, sit, stand and move in my child’s eyes. And when a child asks me about these weighed down emissions from my body , I realize what I have to focus on. Not on the bundles of papers in my folder (that always has a tear as a result of being over-stuffed) but on the children, who have established connections with me and look up to me to be my happiest when around them.*

*When I pay more attention this , I receive some enlightenment from time to time, that I only have to direct my focus to my children on any given day, when my mind is constantly perceiving the day to be a bad one.*

*And voila! It has worked. After continuous and conscious effort, tiny humans of mine have helped make my ever-adamant mind change the perspective of many of my days. Now I can safely say that the scale remains balanced most of the time or even agrees to tip towards good.*



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# We have a champion!!

**Taira Unwalla of Year 3I** has won the Gold Medal in the 17 Meters Freestyle Sprint at the 'Swimming Carnival 2019', held in school. We are proud of your achievement Taira! Keep those medals coming.



# Congratulations!

**Shahzad Shafeeq of Year 4B** has won the Traffic Quiz conducted by the Little Genius Magazine during the month of March. The Little Genius Team surprised Shahzad by turning up in school, to present their token of appreciation. Way to go Shahzad! Keep up the good work!!



# \* Acting Debut \*!

**Aryan Rajagoplan of Year 7D**, has made us proud yet again...he has starred in his debut theatre show titled 'Matilda', convincingly portraying the character of Harry Wormwood in Act 2. Below is the link, where you can watch Aryan deliver his much appreciated monologue at 40:00 minutes. Looking forward to many more Aryan!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjNHSIFGz8k&feature=youtu.be>