

Elan Esprit Preschool

Education and communication

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The education of a child is a team effort. The more each team member contributes, the better the child will do.

So, who is a part of this team?

1. The child
2. The parents
3. The teachers
4. The school administration
5. The other parents and children.
6. Anyone else that works or spends time with your child.

Many of today's educational systems have excluded parents for so long that many parents have given up their rights. Educators, government agencies, research groups, the PTA (Parent Teacher Association), NEA (National Education Association), and textbook companies are professing to be the experts, to know what's best for our children—our future. Many parents have bought into "they know best, they are the experts".

In the past, parents as a group, had more power to affect the outcome of their child's education within the school down the street. Parents now do not have a strong foothold in the door of their child's education. There has been patch on top of patch on top of patch in our educational systems, all under the guise of better education or more competence. 20% of 4th graders reading at or above grade level--yet even now parents tout how great this district and that district are. Before you buy into



With only 20% of 4th graders reading at or above grade level, the continuing decline in SAT scores and the increased dropout rate, obviously, "they don't know best". The problems in our educational systems have been headline material for many years, yet acceptable improvement has not followed.

the PR of the local school you might want to do some research on how these statistics are arrived at and even what each school is actually teaching.



Never-the-less, as a parent you are ultimately responsible for ensuring your child is receiving a proper education.

This may require really understanding what your child is being taught or at the first sign of a problem seeing that it is addressed immediately to a good result—and not settling for explanations that don't make sense (even if from an expert).

You might find it interesting to look at the following web site:

<http://www.fightforkids.org>

The decline in education, the strange programs instituted, the unsuccessful programs that continued too long, the kids labeled (rather than understood and fixed) were all given license by the parents.



If each parent were to really look at each component of a child's education—what he did each minute of the day, what the materials were, how they were taught, what the group was like, and was not reasonable about wanting success and high standards, things could get better.

Reading Stars

Aanya
Adrian
Alejito
Alicia



Allison
Ananya
Ankitha
Ankur
Anya
Aria
Brendan
Bryant
Deshawn
Eshaan
Franchon
Hope

Isabel
Katie
Kylie
Labonita
Leia
Liberty
Makayla
Megan
Mihir
Monica
Neha
Niko



Parth
Ryan H
Ryan P
Sarah
Sarvesh
Selena
Sindhura
Tiffany C
Tiffany F
Yiannis