

18 Handy Tips for Family Education

Tip 6: When kids have no incentive to learn? (Dialogue Script)

| Docudrama 1: DON'Ts | |
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| Father: | Our girl's handwriting is terrible. Go and take a look. |
| Mother: | Why me? Is she not your daughter too? |
| Father: | Just go! |
| Mother: | Siu-yee, the handwriting is ugly. Why don't you rub it off and write again? Did you hear me? I told you to rub it off and do it again. Do it now. The teacher will surely mark you down with that ugly handwriting. Hurry up! |
| Siu-yee: | OK, I'll rub it off. |
| Mother: | What's the matter with you? Why are you so slow? Give it to me. Why are you rubbing it off so slowly? Give it to me. Rub it all off and do it again until it's nice and fine. |
| Expert Advice | |
| Prof. Wong Po-choi: | Ever tried using the left hand to write? Of course it doesn't look nice. But you won't blame yourself for that. Nobody can handle well things they're not familiar with. But many parents expect their children to pick things up on the first try, and blame them if they fail. In fact when children learn something, it's just like when they learn walking and cycling, it takes time to grasp the skills. If we push too hard, kids will hate to learn. We should make kids understand that learning takes time and demands patience. It will then enhance their learning intelligence. |
| Docudrama 2: DOs | |
| Father: | Siu-yee, you've been so focused on your writing, sitting there for such a long time. |
| Siu-yee: | Yes, there is so much handwriting work today and so difficult! |
| Father: | I see. These are nice. When I was at your age, my greatest fear was writing and my work was poor. |
| Siu-yee: | Were you scolded for that? |
| Father: | No, the teacher asked me to do it with patience and taught me a useful method. |

Siu-yee: What method?

Father: The teacher asked me to see each character as a friend of mine. It would make them unhappy if they were written poorly. So I picked a few characters which I wrote the worst and tried writing them nicely one by one. And my handwriting got better and better. Siu-yee, which characters here you think can be written nicer?

Siu-yee: This one...

Father: I couldn't agree more! How about rubbing it off and doing it again and then showing your work to Daddy and Mummy?

Siu-yee: Sure.