



A Pre-Schooling Education

I am a father of four children, and as with most siblings, they are much alike. However, there are stark differences in their temperament. The two that favor my wife's features (eldest girl and boy) often mimic her feelings. My wife is shy and loves to stay to herself. She's highly analytical and doesn't make very many mistakes. She cares very deeply and can be (in my interpretation) hyper-sensitive. The two that favor my physical features (the youngest girl and boy) align closer with my disposition. I'm gregarious. My personality shines in any environment. It makes folks gravitate to me. I can evade the annoyance quickly when people are contrary. And in fairness, at times it's interpreted as me being dismissive.

I give you all this background because it's pertinent to the season in my household; it's back-to-school time! I find it fascinating how, based on what I know about my wife and my traits, I can usually predict my children's outlook on the new school year. I have to prepare my two high schoolers the week before school starts in vastly different ways. Reminder, one is like my wife, and the other is like me. Due to these nuances, I provide tailored

guidance to each child based on their viewpoint and emotions, paired with my eclectic life experience. I do the same with my junior high and elementary students. Here are my three go-to preparation questions. I ask them:

1. What do you expect to learn this month, semester, and year to be better than you were in your previous

grade?

2. What do you want to be known for or as, by the teachers and your peers?

3. How can your mother and I help you accomplish questions number one and two?

Not only does this give me opportunities to find out what my children are thinking and feeling, but it also provides opportunities for me to impart wisdom. Often, this approach makes them create a plan for the year. Finally, it helps them realize they are not alone in this endeavor. The end goals are for them to persevere and strengthen their resolve so they continuously develop into adulthood. These traits will confirm faith in their ability to triumph in life.

Fathers, I encourage you to ask these inquisitive questions at any point during the school year. It's an easy way to overcome any hurdles or anxiety your children are dealing with in their educational and social development.

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