

The ABCs of Home-Based Learning

Ep 2: Managing the learning needs of children of different ages

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1 This is a great chance for you to understand your child

- Listen to your child and discover his/her learning needs.
- Understand where they are struggling.
- Think of what you can do to plug their learning gaps.



2 Have designated corners for HBL

- Carve out individual learning spaces for each child
- Declutter the house and remove distractions

3 Organise learning resources by subjects

- Sort out school worksheets and resources by subjects for easy retrieval.



4 Identify areas that need enrichment

- Supplement learning and interests with additional classes without overdoing it.



5 Cherish the connection time with your child

- Impart essential values and skills.
- Hone interpersonal communication skills.
- Nurture family bonds by doing things together (e.g. Baking, Exercising together, etc).

6 It is okay for your child to be bored!

- Boredom is the start of imagination and creativity.
- Encourage your child to think of creative ways to occupy his/her time.



7 No need to follow a regimented schedule

- Prioritize work before play, but keep the activities spontaneous.
- Provide guidance and boundaries for younger children.



8 Ensure your child eats well to manage short attention span

- Diet plays an important part in maintaining focus.
- Prepare nutritious meals and include fruits to help your child keep calm throughout the day.

