**Are parents best teachers?**

Are parents are best teachers? Different people will give different responses to

this question from their own characters, emotional concerns and even

educational backgrounds. However, when it comes to me, I believe that parents

are our best teachers for the following reasons.

In the first place, parents are the people who are closest to us and who

understand our real needs best. From infancy on, our parents have witnessed

every step in both our physical and mental development. They share every hint

of happiness or unhappiness with us and they even know what a little gesture of

us might indicate. Based on such a deep understanding, our parents will teach

us what we are interested in and what we are not. For instance, they can often

buy books on our favored topics such as sea animals and astronomical objects.

Little by little, we can mature our minds and broaden our horizons in our

favorite fields. (Or are we prospective artists, scientists, teachers, or even

businesspeople? Our parents might tell that at our early ages. Consequently,

they will give us specific encouragement and abundant resources in our favored

fields. Sometimes, our parents can even point out a direction to our future

professional goals. Will other people do that for us based on such a solid

understanding of us?)

In the second place, our experienced parents are our best teachers of today's

complicated society. From our teachers at school, we can learn sophisticated

knowledge. But how can our teachers tell us how to communicate with others,

how to deal with strangers, how to behave in different occasions, and how to

make important decisions of our daily life? Only our parents, who will spend

their whole life loving us, caring us will tell us how to steer our own boats in

the ocean of life without selfish consideration.

Admittedly, our friends and school teachers could provide us with valuable

advice now and then, and maybe it will be easier for us to follow their

suggestions. Their effects on us cannot be neglected or replaced by our parents.

And parents might spoil their children or even interfere with children's privacy

because of love. To be honest, the roles of these two kinds of people cannot be

replaced by each other. However, it seems to me that only our parents, who will

spend their whole life with us, will be our best teachers, not only for now but

also for our whole life.

All in all, if all the factors are contemplated, we can easily reach a conclusion

that, parents are not only our first teachers but also our best teachers. Let's be

carefully aware of this point and take better care of our parents to repay their

efforts to teach us.

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