Equipping your child
如何裝備你的孩子

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Roles of parents
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• Parents play many roles in their child’s development

• The relative importance of these roles changes overtime

• One of the major roles of parents in the early years of their child is to choose and plan for the child
Choosing and Planning for the Child
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• What are the goals you set for the child?
• Which schools do you choose?
• What learning experiences do you provide for the child?
• How do you help the child to achieve these goals?
• What are the resources involved?
A Very Long-term Planning

• A baby today could live to be 142 years old

(Time, 23 February 2015)
Well Paid Jobs in 2030

• Futurologists predict some lucrative careers for 2030 that we have not heard of today

• (Telegraph 25 Feb 2013)
  - Digital architect
  - Body part maker
  - Baby designer
  - Nano-medic
  - Vertical farmer
  - Waste data handler
  - Climate controller
  - Memory augmentation Surgeon
Equipped for a Rapidly Changing World

• We do not have a crystal ball

• Long term goals need strategies that can equip the child to deal with the changing world
Skills Needed in a Changing World


- Critical Thinker
  Solving problems

- Communicator
  Understanding and communicating ideas

- Collaborator
  Working with others

- Creator
  Producing high quality work
How you can help your child build a solid foundation for life
Whole Person Development

Development objectives for young children (0-8) include:

• Physical development
• Cognitive and language development
• Affective and social development
• Aesthetic development

(pp.18-20 Guide to the Pre-primary Curriculum 2006)
• Physical development
• Cognitive and language development
• Affective and social development
• Aesthetic development
• Moral development
Things to do for your kindergarten-age child

• Being a rich source of love, intimate interaction and emotional support

• Being your child’s teacher and providing positive learning environments at home

• Ensuring a balanced development in literacy, aesthetics, physical health and social skills
Things to do for your kindergarten-age child (Cont’d)

• Communicating with the kindergarten about your child’s learning and providing support at home accordingly.

• Providing guidance on values, ethics, disciplines and social norms
Things to do for your kindergarten-age child (Cont’d)

• Setting and maintaining boundaries to encourage positive behaviours

• Forming age-appropriate expectations for your child so as to provide support accordingly
幼童睡不夠11小時 損智能社交
港大追蹤研究：僅11%達標 至小三仍受影響
明報, 8/5/2016
Raising Children with an Attitude of Gratitude
By Diana Kapp,
The Wall Street Journal,
23rd December 2013
Conclusion

The early years are very UNIQUE and GOLDEN.
Food for thoughts

• Is there any dilemma between play and academic learning?
• What will I do after knowing the 21st Century Skills in planning my child’s education?
• Can I modify my plan from time to time?
Being a parent is a very meaningful, fulfilling and fruitful process. We learn and grow together with our children. I wish you a happy journey of parenting.

Thank you.