LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Role of Parents in Educational and Character of Children

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Dear Editor,

In 1840 Friedrich Wilhom August Frobel build a kindergarten in Blankerburg, German. He is the pioneer of erly education in the world. Because he think children like a shoots of the plant that need a care and attention. In 1483-1546, Martin Luther is the first person who think that education it is crucial. Education is the base of development of children.

Actually, PAUD in Indonesia was began when colonialism in 1908 until 1945. In 1919 the women association of Aisyiyah build the first kindergarten in Yogyakarta. They learn about Islam and Nasionalisme. In 1922 Ki Hajar Dewantaro build the kindergarten.

In 1990, the government signed the world declaration about education in UNESCO conference in Thailand. The government passed a law number 23 of 2003 about national education system. But it was only for 7 years old, while PAUD included non-formal education according to regulation of national education number 13 of 2005.

Education is process of someone or group attitude and behavior change in an effort to mature a human through teaching and training. While PAUD is an effort of coaching children from new born until 6 years old with education stimulation.

According to regulation of national education number 58 of 2009 PAUD is an organization that organizes educational program from 0 until 6 years old. For support development and growth, the children till the children ready to the next level of education.

Description of knowledge about PAUD research on 27 March 2011 in Semarang, said that mother who doesn't send their child to kindergarten have low knowledge. Educational factor also affects the level of knowledge of mothers who doesn't send their children to kindergarten.
A child also has the right to get affection and also to get early education from the parents. According to regulation number 35 of 2004 about change of regulation number 23 of 2002 about protection of children. Every child has the right to life, growing, developing, participating fairly according to humanitarian essence. That's why the children need an early education or PAUD for preparation to the next educational level.

PAUD have an impact for the children when they enter the primary school. Children who learning in PAUD will be more confident to socialize with another person and will be more independent than the other. While the children who doesn't learning in PAUD will be slow, quiet and will difficult to socialize with another person.

Therefore, PAUD is so important for children. Because according to research children with 0 until 4 years old have growing brain system until 50%. stimulate emotional intelligence (EQ) determine 80% success, while only 20% IQ. So it is crucial to educating children with stimulate emotional intelligence (EQ) since early. That's why the parents must maximize it for optimal development and growth of children.

The role of parents is very influential for education and character of children. The role of parents can help the children for being ready to the next educational level. For the character, children usually see the habit of parents. That's why the parents must give the good habit. Education is the responsibility of parents that directly manifested with the involvement of parents in education of children. Parents are responsible for the success of child education, because they are the gift of God's for parents, children have first education of parents and parents is who know character of his child (Graha 2007).

From the summary of this article, the role of parents and knowledge of parents are really influential for the children. However, the parents must know their position. They must give a good habit and they must add more knowledge for the survival of the children to the next level education. So, is it PAUD important or not? In my opinion PAUD is important, because the children can be ready for the next educational level and they will be more independent and more confident from the other children. But the parents must manage the time because childhood it's a period for playing.

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