

2016 International Essay Contest for Young People

[Youth Category – Honorable Mention]

## **Things I Will Teach My Children Before They Grow Up**

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Education is a transmission of knowledge, values, information and skills from one person to another. It can be in formal or informal form depending on the place as well as the particular knowledge that needs to be transmitted and shared. Education is expected to overcome challenges which are found in the society, provide solutions and answers and emancipate people from all sorts of imprisonment they find themselves in. An ideal education is the type of education that seems to be sustainable for everyone in a society, country or the world at large.

As a law student, I want to be a lawyer; I also wish to be a writer but above all that I wish to be a mother one day. That will make me someone's first judge to hear their cases, their first friend to listen, their doctor to heal, as well as their teacher- to guide, to show and to help understand things clearly in a world full of problems, doubts, uncertainties and everyday challenges.

To me an ideal education is the one that will help, heal and mend our broken societies starting within our families, institutions as well as the environments that surround us. That being the case, I do not think education is limited in classroom and what careers to choose alone. I will want my children to learn and have careers but I would also like to see them educated while seeing, observing, listening, travelling, exploring and helping.

I will teach my children about love. I would want them to know it, see it, feel it, embrace it and above all, live it. I will teach them to love themselves for whoever they are, with their perfect traits and their imperfections. Their race, religion, faith and beliefs; I wish that they will learn self love above all. If they accept and celebrate who they are, that is all that matters. We live in a world where people crave for attention and ending up hiding their true personalities. I will teach them that kind of love you can only give yourself as nobody else can.

I will teach them about loving other people regardless of their choices, differences, disagreements and beliefs. With love we cannot harm each other in any way. There would be no wars, political traumas and the world will be a peaceful and harmonious place to live. I wish they will respect themselves as much as respecting other people. I will teach them about kindness and being humble. I hope to teach them to be thoughtful and considerate. I will teach them not to be judgmental because we all have struggles and deal with pain, heartaches and problems differently. That being the case, I hope they learn to be understanding.

I will teach them about the importance of hard work in whatever they do. I hope they learn how to fight for their dreams and be persistent about life. I would want them to be courageous and strong willed. I wish for them to be driven, determined and not giving up on what and who they love. I will provide the environment for them to value and take pleasure in the little things-friendship, talents, passions, time, hobbies, adventures and living their lives to the fullest. I hope they learn to appreciate little moments, because they make the big ones and life becomes more meaningful and worth-living. I will teach them to prioritize their dreams, talents and hobbies above the most paying job for self satisfaction and happiness while doing what they love.

I will be happy knowing that they know how to share, to give and thinking of others well being. Those who are less fortunate in any way; the orphans, the troubled, the sick, those who are alone with no one to care and cater for them. I will want them to be helpful to those whom they can and touch their lives in any small way possible while being thankful and grateful for who they are and what they have.

Lastly, I will encourage them to share their knowledge with the world and help other people to use the same knowledge in solving their problems and live a better life.