

PRE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT WATCHING CARTOONS

"Parenting is not giving your child everything they want. Parenting is not being your child's friend. Parenting is about preparing your child to be a useful and respectful person in the society."

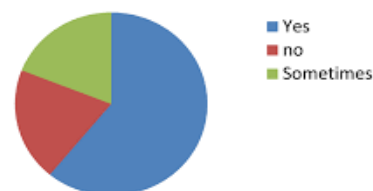
Dear Parents,

Keeping in mind the motto 'Catch them Young', we believe that the right education must begin from the grass root level. We all know that young children learn by emulating and imitating their environment. Therefore, it becomes imperative on our part to spend quality time with our children, keeping a close check on their behaviour and activities.

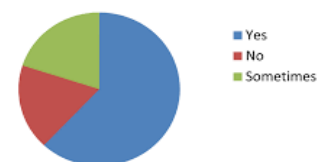
Cartoons are an inevitable part of every child's life. Since the emergence of cartoon films over a century ago, several generations of children have grown up watching animated films. Watching cartoons is a great way to teach our kids about local customs, traditions, history and mythology. For example, watching animated versions of the Ramayana or Mahabharata can teach kids about Indian mythology. Watching cartoons based on Aesop's Fables or Panchatantra stories can teach children about moral values, kindness and compassion.

Based on the analysis of data and testing of hypothesis, it has been observed by researchers that Cartoons have a huge impact on young children. Children who watch cartoons show high level of language acquisition and cognitive development but they also show some aggressive and violent behaviour. (Refer to the pics on the right) Children imitate cartoons; they fanaticize too much in their real life sometimes, they show some violent behavior with their siblings while actually; they are trying to be funny. They mostly imitate the Tom & Jerry relationship with their peers and siblings but it turns to be very unpleasant and aggressive.

Do Cartoons affect children's behaviour?



Effect of cartoons on the children's language



III- Effects of watching Cartoons:

- They encourage Violence- e.g.: Oggy and the Cockroaches often hit each other or cause each other to fall from heights.
- They display unruly behaviour, usage of foul language and lack of empathy by the characters portrayed.
- They lead to occurrence of health Problems due to sedentary lifestyle including obesity, vision problems, and nutritional deficiencies due to binge eating.
- Bad Role Models as children often idolize their favourite cartoon character and mimic them or aspire to be like them.

List of Cartoons Inappropriate for the Children

Tom and Jerry, Shin Chan, Pokémon, Ninja Hattori, Doraemon, Oggy and the Cockroaches, Upin and Ipin, Phineas and Ferb, Perman, Pakadam Pakdaai, Tales Pin, The Simpsons, Looney Toons, Donald Duck, Krish and Kans, Power Rangers, Beyblades, Dragon Ball, Chota Bheem.

Tips for Parents

- Watch cartoons with Your Kids.
- Limit the Number of screen hours and encourage them to indulge in physical activities.
- Select appropriate or educational cartoons.
- Explain the difference between cartoons and reality.
- Use filtering and monitoring applications to filter out inappropriate content and lock content which you do not want your child to access.
- Explore informative channels like Discovery, National Geographic, and Animal Planet for informative and educational content that will aid in the overall development of your child.
- Encourage your child to watch programmes with language aids that help them learn letters of the alphabet, words and rhymes.
- Use audio CDs-for story-time and rhymes rather than cartoons, as this will encourage your child to be a better listener.

The above points will surely help us instill positive values and traits amongst our tiny tots and further make them responsible citizens of the country.

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