

Mini-EdPsych Q & A – Dr. Jeffrey Derevensky

Understanding Child Development:

Surviving Parenthood!

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What do you think about assigning daily homework for children in elementary school?

Daily homework, if in moderation, can be a useful reinforcement of work covered in class. However, it should be developmentally appropriate and not represent busy work. This should not be overwhelming both for the child and/or parent.

How can a parent who has 3 children, who are all different from each other, be consistent in their parenting skills?

We need to emphasize the uniqueness of individuals. Consistency and appropriateness are important considerations. One would not expect a parent to treat an 11 year old as they would do a 17 year old.

In your opinion, what is the best age to introduce a second language?

The literature seems to suggest that early second language learning is beneficial for many children.