

Back in 2010, my hubby and I went "childcare shopping", looking for a suitable childcare for our eldest daughter (3 years old then). We visited several childcare centres, observing their teaching philosophy & environment, cleanliness of the school, etc. In fact, all the centers were very much alike; each having its own plus points.

So, what was it that set House of Kids (HOK) apart?

It is the teacher-parent relationship. During our visit, we noticed that the teachers knew the parents very well and were talking very freely with them when they picked up their kids. Even the aunties (helpers) in the centre also know each and every child and his parents. The whole centre (teacher & parent) is so closely knitted, my hubby and I were very impressed. The thoughts that came to our minds were "they actually care". Not just another childcare centre.

The teacher-parent's communication is extremely important. As working parents, we lack the time to see through every developments & milestones of our children (several critical milestones from 0 yr to 6 yrs). This open communication has helped us to be very involved with our children's development and that we are able to reinforce the learning at home. Similarly, with the feedback the teachers received from the parents, the teachers can pay more attention to the child's individual need and learning process.

HOK has also adopted a holistic approach in the academic aspects. The Letterland program which teaches phonics is useful & effective. My children are able to read independently now. The Chinese culture in the school is also strong and it has instilled so much interest in my children.

In addition, HOK also made available enrichment courses such as abacus, speech & drama during the time our children are at the center. This is definitely a time saver for working parents. It leaves the family more time during the weekends to enjoy & play instead of "chasing" for classes.

As a parent, the assurance that our children are in good hands is extremely important. The care and concerns from the HOK's teachers & co-workers showed for our children have definitely set our minds at ease. Together with the good academic curriculums and imparting of values, HOK has built a good foundation for our children life-long learning.

Sharon
Parents of Gracelyn, Gabriella & Glenda