

Creating new benchmarks by Reinventing Education in preschools



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Major development of a child's brain happens in the first five years of their life; hence it is recommended to start their pre-school education from an early age. Preschool programs in PG & Nursery are focused on building life skills, social engagements, enhancing creativity and encouraging the 360degree development of a child. 1.8 to 2 years is the appropriate age for a child to commence pre-schooling as this is the period during which the child's mind is most receptive towards learning. Preschool is the child's first experience away from the parents, and it's a huge leap for both the parents as well as for the child.

The need for e-learning in India is surpassing the largest markets in the US and other developed countries. The biggest differentiator among pre-schools is their curriculum. EuroKids launched its 7th curriculum version recently, which means the curriculum has been revised seven times in the last two decades with an aim to keep the pre-school learning techniques in tune with the demands of changing times. 3D technology, experiential learning and other technologically advanced methods have become a part of pre-school learning to make learning fun, interactive and impactful. The real need of the hour is grooming children to learn and think analytically and logically, ensuring they reach a stage where they can focus on holistic learning rather than just concentrating on traditional learning. In the current environment of gadget-savvy kids, the attention span of kids has decreased drastically, thus developing attention span among children has become another major point of progress in pre-schools. This is achieved through Innovative learning methods which have been designed to make learning exciting and engaging.

Based on the acquired skills as set forth by the Centre on The Developing Child at Harvard University, which focuses on developing 'Executive Function Skills' (EFS), that are crucial for building positive behaviour in children from an early age, the adoption of these skills into the regular curriculum has really changed the learning experience of Indian students at pre-schools. Leading pre-school chains in the country have adopted these methods to develop their curriculum. Specially designed learning kits which help in developing reading and speaking skills have become the norm of the day.