Challenges In Preparing Your Child For Inclusive Education.

For My Autistic Child...

Struggles and Difficulties

Teachers Aspect:

- Uncompleted homework.
- Behavior in class.
- Simply answering despite he knows the answer - appears to be insignificant to him that answering correctly is important.
- Lack of opportunities and at times, not given the fair opportunity - in sports, in event, in participations.

Friends Aspect:

- Lack of friends due to communication barrier. It does not affect him but I know it's wrong.
- Some complained that he is not keeping up with the whole class.

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Academic Aspect:

- Language barrier as he is interest in a language that I do not understand.
- Finding a good tutor is a big challenge. Some tutors are doing it for money - no commitment, some don't even try and because it is a challenge, they rather give up or put aside.
- Tedious to complete homework as most subjects are in Chinese.
 Day in day out, hours are spend just to finish daily homework.
- Very stressful for him (6am-8.30pm) and stressful for me too as it was a difficult language and syllabus is in different language.

Personal Obstacles:

- Lack of attention, stimming and lots of day dreaming leading to long hours spent in completing homework.
- Unable to maintain focus
 without supervision. Very likely
 to stray whenever I try to leave
 him alone which is a big
 problem as parents are not allow
 into exam hall.
- Unable to express himself when I ask him about his homework.
- Worst part is when he decides to switch off during exam and hands in blank paper despite knowing most of the answers.

Support

- Patience:
 Have to repeat whatever taught to him. Have to make sure nothing is forgotten along the way. It can be a very tedious job repeating the same thing.
 Lots of brainwashing, reminders every single day.
- His friends are my friends:
 They are my ears, my lending
 hands, my guardian angels in
 school and also my
 reporters. Not all but more
 than half of them. Being nice
 them makes a lot of
 difference.
- Be friends with certain parents. Take time to explain to them the child's situation. And some appear to be very helpful giving their kids instructions to help in class.
- The teachers close relationship with teacher. Lots of feedback - daily basis, weekly basis. But sometimes, have to take a few steps behind and let the teacher do their work. Caning takes place but I do not complain much about it.

Achievements

- Best Improvement in Pre-School
- Best Improvement in Primary 1
- Best Improvement in Primary 2
- Winner of Chinese Reading Competition

AS A MOTHER....

It is not an easy journey. Rejections and obstacles will be waiting round the corner.

Allow yourself to cry but pick yourself up and push forward.



Thank you for your time...