

## Growing Things

Again this year, after the big holiday in May, we sowed the seeds of the morning glory. We watered them constantly and fertilised them occasionally. When the vines grew, we put up poles. Fertilising does not speed up the growth and does not immediately produce beautiful flowers. The results will be visible after a few months.

In the summer, the flowers are large and beautiful. The plant bloomed by itself.. The power stored in the seeds, stems and leaves made the flowers bloom themselves. It took a lot of time and effort to get the flowers to bloom. The more you look after a plant, the more interest and anticipation you have in its growth, and the more you love it. Perhaps it was this other fertiliser--love--that made the beautiful flowers bloom.

It is the same with raising children. Children naturally have the power of life and growth within them. It is important for teachers and parents to be involved in bringing out and developing these qualities. It is important for teachers and parents to be involved in the development of the child. It is important to be patient and wait for the right moment.

In order to encourage better growth and development, it is important to prepare ahead of time and to remove obstacles that may be encountered in the future, but it is also important to be aware of what the child needs now and to provide it at the right time. We say that we make things like cars, furniture and bread, but we do not say that we make living things like morning glory flowers. Raising plants and animals is generally called "nurturing".

When we bring up children, we do not teach or discipline them in a standardised way. This is because too much sameness can lead to peer pressure, stress and a lack of independence. In order for each child to develop better, teachers and parents need to help the child to see his or her own strengths and potential, and to interact appropriately with the people around him or her in the most suitable environment.

Nurturing a child means believing in their will and potential, treating them with love and support, and sitting back and waiting. We want each child to blossom as he or she is meant to!