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Taking Children from Earth to the Solar World

The highlight of the 12 days Creative Empowerment Camp (Summer Camp) 2019 for children organised by the CARTMAN Society, Bangalore, at the Catman Centre of Excellence, Koramangala, jointly with Utkarsha Cultural Association of Dr. Radha Kulkarni, was a special talk on the solar system by Dr.V.R.Lalithambika (Director, ISRO, incharge of Directorate of Human Space Programme. She literally took the children to the sky through a motherly talk with a power point presentation on the various planets on the solar system, above earth. The nearly one hour presentation that the Camp participants keenly heard and watched on the power point screen, was followed with an interactive session. Questions were aplenty from the kids, with Dr.Lalithambika like a tutor and a



Dr. Lalithambika explaining to the participants on the visuals at the power point presentation

mother (more than a scientist) answering every question clearing the curiosity of the children, coming down to the children's level in words and expressions.

other creative activities included leaning on Slokas, Yoga (simple postures) that



The participants at the camp watching the power point presentation

the children can physically follow and assimilate, Music, Dance, Art, Craft & Rangoli, One Act play and funny games

that can awaken the mind of the children along with friendly competitive spirit, the foundation for developing ethical and moral values.



Group photograph of the participants at the Summer Camp, with Volunteers

HOME – THE FIRST SCHOOL OF VALUE EDUCATION

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It is quite obvious that children learn all basic things at home. According to our traditional saying “Home is the first school and mother is the first Guru”. It is true that the child learns how to walk, how to speak, how to eat and so on at home. Also a child learns the values of life from home itself. The personality of a child is groomed at home. It is very essential on the part of the parents to realise that their responsibility does not end by providing food and clothing and taking care of the children's health. It is important to nurture the child's fullest personality and prepare her/him for life.

Children learn every thing by imitation. Parents should realise that children are their reflections. In the mirror reflection if you find a black spot on your face, how much ever you wash the mirror the spot cannot

be wiped out. Only when you wash your face the spot can be cleaned. Hence it is the bounden duty of parents to be role models to their children.

Even if the child is 2 years or 3 year, if it commits a mistake like throwing the glass, tearing a paper, stealing a chocolate, etc., don't take it casually or just laugh away. From the root level itself the child should be corrected. But for correcting don't use the method of punishment. Better explain to the child the wrong it has done, softly. Make the child realise its mistake. Never think she/he is too small to teach proper values. In fact it is better to scribble the right values on the child's blank mind. If you overlook this, later it will be difficult to erase the wrong images and inscribe the right values there. Childhood is the right period to mould and

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