

We think of our children's development as a path. As parents and educators we have a choice:

We can prepare the path for the child

- by eradicating all obstacles,
- eliminating all disappointments,
- and generally removing every pebble in his way.

OR

We can prepare the child for the path

- by seeing obstacles as opportunities to develop grit,
- considering failures as chances for growth,
- and generally allowing children to carry some of their own rocks.



Children who are given the opportunity to work hard, to accomplish big things, and contribute to their community are better prepared to navigate the joys and challenges of adult life.