

Educational Behavior of Children not in Preschool the Case Study of Machakos District, Kenya.

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Abstract

The research was designed to investigate activities of Three to Six Year Old Children not in Preschool, The Case study of Machakos District, Kenya in Machakos District in Kenya in East Africa. This research addresses the daily activities of three to six year old children not in preschool in Machakos District, Kenya. The participants comprised 287 children and 287 of their parents/ guardians. The study found that both boys and girls of three to six years of age undertook same activities in their homesteads. However, there were society's stereotyped activities for children of different gender and age. Additionally, the results indicated that playing, which featured as the main children's daily activity, was rated as unimportant by parents/ guardians. Other activities were babysitting, cooking/housework, cultivating, grazing and fetching water and firewood. These activities, which seemingly contribute towards the society's welfare, compromised the education of three to six year old children not in preschools. The results of the study are crucial for setting a plan on how these children can be facilitated to grow and develop to the full. The paper recommends having a parental/ guardian programme geared towards ensuring children's rights to education play and protection.

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