

"Moving It On Over"

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Your face is rushing with a zillion overwhelming emotions, bottling up inside of your body. Anger, sadness, fear. All coming at once. The words coming out of your parents mouth are like arrows shooting at your heart. "Honey... we're moving." Many children despise those words. However, by allowing children to have a voice in moving, kids feel more involved. Parents can help kids feel this way by letting them pack their own belongings, researching activities to do at the location your moving, and by being able to visit the place you are moving to.

In this case, by letting children pack their own belongings, they feel more involved in this process of moving. This helps children because when kids are younger, in the toddler stages, they don't have as many opportunities to act older than their age. Children like to feel more adult like. In my own experience in the process of moving, being able to get all of my belongings together made me feel more grown up. In every kids life, there is a point where they want to break the wall of childhood. Like that great wall was towering above you your whole entire life, getting in your way of adulthood, but you knocked it down. On the contrary, some people might think that allowing children to pack their things is an unnecessary and waste of time. " Why let them do something wrong, when I can do it faster?" If the parent teaches them how to do it, they will feel more appreciated, and more trusted as well. They will know that they are trusted enough to do something different then most kids. So in a way, doing this will make the bond between the parent and the child stronger.

By the same token, kids should know all they can about the place they're moving, by this happening they feel more involved. This helps children because, they know what they are getting themselves into. For example, whenever I am going on vacation, I need to know where everything is. That way I feel like less bad things could happen. For example, one bad thing that could happen is that you car breaks down. If you don't know where the nearest gas station is, you would be in big trouble! If I don't know these things, I feel like a huge bomb is ready to explode inside of me, ticking away, slowly but surely. If I never figure out the exact things I need to know, the time goes by faster and faster until, BOOM! I

explode with nervousness. Also, children feel like they are worthless, like they have no worth in this situation. A counter claim that some adults think is, " Why do they need to look these things up, when I can just tell them?" I know it seems a little unusual to let the kids do some of the work, but it really helps. It makes the children feel like they are one of the primary workers in this situation.

Furthermore, by letting kids visit the place they are moving, they feel more involved. Also, by doing this, they have more fun. Most kids love to travel places, so why not travel to the location you're moving to?! As a kid who is moving, going to the location is such a relief. To be able to see the house your moving to, to see the people there, it makes kids much more relieved. And, it makes children more involved. It makes them more involved because they know that they are one of the puzzle pieces. And your new house is the puzzle. If the puzzle piece doesn't fit, you will have to start over again, making sure to get the right puzzle. Most parents think, " Why waste the money on my kid/kids to go to a place they are going to move to anyway?!" I think that it isn't a waste of money at all. If they don't like your home, they are going to be miserable! Taking the time to do this gets the child more involved.

In final analysis, by allowing children to pack, research, and visit the place your moving to, they will feel more involved. If your parent hasn't given you these responsibilities yet, show them that you are willing to help them as much as you can. If they love you, they will let you help them. Soon after all this has happened, you will feel a large weight lifted off your shoulder. Like your life threatening worries have been taken from you once stressed, poor soul. This whole moving situation is tough. I am going through it too. Don't give up hope, just help your parents. They are just as, or more scared then you. Right now, moving probably seems like the worst thing in the world. But just hang in there. You got this.