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## Nurturing childhood



In an era where rote learning and competition have become central aspects of education, VIVERO International Pre-schools take a unique approach towards educating toddlers and young children. **Sreelatha Reddy** and **Poonam Warty** speak to **Maya Nelluri** about why this system works to build better childhoods

**F**or children the VIVERO International Pre-school is an educational paradise. The teaching staff are recruited only after ensuring that their values match those of the school. "We make sure they are professionally qualified with experience and a commitment to positive student learning outcomes", says Sreelatha, the Centre Head of the Hyderabad branch. Also the high number of staff ensures a healthy teacher-student ratio. "These days Early Childhood Education Centres have become more of money spinning ventures, which is very sad", says Poonam, who helped set up the school in Hyderabad in its initial days, "That's what makes VIVERO so special, everything is taken care of - safety, advanced learning through applying knowledge to real life situations and an overall emphasis by the staff - to support the children and their parents."

In addition to this, the classrooms are ventilated to encourage maximum natural light and the entire premises are child proofed. The property has plenty of outdoor space especially designed to support the children's development. Students have the opportunity daily to engage with the natural environment, develop their large muscles and apply their knowledge through supervised gardening and other games. As every child is different, they are encouraged to develop their autonomy, self esteem and self image by nurturing their curiosity. The end result is a school full of physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually fit children.