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חנוך לנער על פי דרכו גם כי יזקין לא יסור ממנה
King Solomon says in Proverbs 22:6 "Educate a child according to his own way and then, when he grows old, he won't depart from it." The Vilna Gaon explains that King Solomon is telling us to educate a child according to his nature, in a way that fits his personality. Do not impose your nature on him. For if you try to force a child to do things that go against his nature, yes in the beginning he will listen out of fear, but later as he gets older he will abandon all that you have taught him. This is a fundamental educational principle. Those who follow it will see great success; those who don't will only have heartache.

Wishing you a great and inspiring day!

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