



Helping Your Child Succeed in School

“Be Actively Involved,”

Children spend half of their waking hours in school or at school-related activities. Research shows that children who have parents who are actively involved in their education do better in school than children whose parents are not involved.

School lays the foundation for future success. Not just based on grades, school helps children learn discipline, commitment and follow through, responsibility, and more. Every parent wants their child to do well in school. How can you help your child succeed in school and life?

Establish a Homework Routine

Completing homework is a critical part of the school experience. You can help your child tackle homework by setting up guidelines about when and where homework will be completed. Provide a quiet play where children can complete homework without interruption. Find a time that works best for your child. Some children are ready to tackle homework as soon as they get home from school; others need time to decompress from the school day before they attempt to complete their assignments. Make sure homework time is free from distractions including TV, radio, and phone calls.

Communicate With the School

The first time you talk with your child's teacher should not be when your child is in trouble. Take time to get to know your child's teacher. Communicate through notes, conferences, and emails. Make sure you know the teachers' goals for the school year and be sure to ask questions about your child's performance. Check in with the teacher throughout the school year to stay on top of your child's performance. If you can, volunteer in

your child's classroom so they can see you participating in learning activities.

Make Daily Activities Learning Opportunities

Routine housework or errands can serve as great supplements for your child's education. Invite your children to help with dinner and have them read recipes and measure ingredients. On your grocery shopping trip, have them help write shopping lists, compare prices, and talk about money. On road trips, have them search for specific shapes, colors, signs, or letters. Encourage your children to read in their leisure time and make sure they have the opportunity to explore science, technology, and nature on an ongoing basis.

Encourage Reading

Begin reading to your child at an early age. Take them to the library and let them pick out books that interest them. Read together as a family. Make sure your child sees you reading in your leisure time. Encourage your child to read any type of book that interests them.

Talk About School

Talking about school seems simple enough but be diligent about it. Ask them what they learned each day. Review any papers and tests sent home. Go over answers that are marked incorrectly. Ask how they feel about their performance at school. Talk about their classes, friends, and thoughts about school in general.

As a parent, you can have a tremendous impact on your child's school success. Make sure your child knows you think they are valuable, capable, and that you know they can succeed. Encourage them to do their best and be sure to recognize good performance.

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