

## *Parent Tips*

### **Take time to connect with your child on a daily basis.**

- Talk to your child everyday about what he or she did in school. Ask specific questions.
- As a family, take time to play games, visit museums or take a walk in the park.
- Limit the amount of television your child watches.
- Get to know your child's friends and invite them over once in a while.



Provide enriching and constructive activities for your child at home. This will stimulate his or her imagination and creativity.



### **Talk to your child often and help him or her recognize his or her possibilities.**

- Use positive and encouraging language to motivate your child.
- Focus on your child's strengths and talents and point them out to him or her.
- Praise your child when you see him or her doing something positive.
- Talk to your child about his or her future. Discuss possible careers he or she can pursue.

Remember: Your child is never too young to talk about college and his or her future possibilities.



All parents want their children to get the best education possible. The start of a new school year is an excellent opportunity for families to reflect on what they can do to ensure that their child has a successful school experience.

The following tips can help you get started:

### **Establish a set time and place to do homework.**

- As a family, determine the best time and place to do homework on a daily basis.
- Have adequate school supplies at home to help your child complete the homework.
- Supervise homework time.
- Encourage your child to work independently and be responsible for completing his or her homework, but be available to help.

***If your child consistently comes home claiming that he or she does not have homework, contact the teacher and ask about his or her homework policy.***

**Make reading a part of your family's daily schedule.**

- Make sure your children have plenty of books to read at home.
- Visit your local library often.
- Let your children see you reading.
- Read the newspaper and discuss interesting articles with your son or daughter.



***If you're struggling to get your child to read, get to know his or her interests to identify materials that he or she will enjoy reading. Share your child's interests with his or her teachers.***

**Stay informed about your child's academic progress**

- Take a few minutes each day to look over your child's schoolwork.
- Maintain regular contact with your child's teachers.
- Find out what you can do at home to support what your child is learning in the classroom.
- Always attend parent/teacher conferences and be prepared to ask questions regarding your child's academic progress.
- Become informed about after school programs and/or community resources that could benefit your child.
- Make sure your child attends school everyday and arrives on time.

***If you notice that your child is having difficulty with a certain subject, make an appointment to meet with the teacher to determine how you can both work together to help your child.***

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