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25 Things You Can Do to Help Your Children Succeed in School

FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

At Home:

1. Ask about their homework – what it is, when it's due – and check to make sure they do it.
2. Provide a quiet place, with a good light and away from distractions, for them to do homework.
3. Make sure they get a good night's sleep each night and eat a healthy, substantial breakfast each morning.
4. Talk to them about school for at least a few minutes each day to let them know you're interested and you think school is important.
5. Teach them respect for others and responsibility for their own behavior.
6. Make sure they get regular health and dental check-ups.
7. Limit children's exposure to TV and video games.
8. Be positive about school. If parents say "I wasn't good at school" or "I really didn't like school," this can turn children away from learning.
9. Check your children's school newsletters and or web sites regularly to keep informed.

At School:

1. Attend back-to-school nights and parent/teacher nights to meet your children's teachers.
2. If you are concerned about something, call or meet with your children's teachers promptly, before a minor issue becomes a major problem. Talk with those directly involved first before involving others.
3. If possible, volunteer – regularly or even just occasionally – at your children's schools. You will get to know the school better and show your children that you consider education very important.

FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

At Home:

1. Read to your children or look at a book with them for at least 10-20 minutes each day.
2. Have books and magazines appropriate for your children's reading level available for them.
3. Use routine household events to teach about numbers and colors – shopping for food, using a recipe, sorting laundry, etc.
4. Give children small rewards for success (either behavior or academic) at school.
5. Praise them when they get good grades or do their homework completely and without complaint.
6. Take your children to the special programs for youngsters at your school and the local public library.
7. Make sure your child has all necessary childhood immunizations and a healthy diet.

At School:

1. Join the parent-teacher organization (PTO), attend meetings and volunteer to help.
2. Talk to the teachers to find out what your children will be learning each year.
3. Ask the teachers for suggestions about how you can help your children at home.
4. Make arrangements to visit your children's classrooms at least once during school hours, just to observe and help. Talk to the teacher later about anything you didn't understand or were concerned about.
5. Ask about extra-help sessions or outside tutors if you think your children could benefit from these.
6. Make arrangements to come to school and eat lunch, at least once during the school year, with your child.