



Tips for Helping Your Child Succeed in School

- 1) **HAVE A SET TIME TO DO HOME WORK EVERY NIGHT...** being consistent will help your child develop good study habits.
- 2) **GET TO KNOW THE TEACHER...** Partner with your child's teacher. Meet with them on a regular basis. Learn what your child is doing in school, what future projects are. Be prepared for those last-minute science projects!
- 3) **LOOK AT YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK...** Checking the homework has many purposes; it shows your child you are interested in what they are doing, will let you know they are completing their work, and you will be aware of what your child is doing in school on a daily basis.
- 4) **SPEND TIME LEARNING WITH YOUR CHILD ...** Put away the Xbox and Nintendo and get out a book to read together. Spend time taking nature walks, and exploring local landmarks. Make learning fun for the family.
- 5) **USE YOUR RESOURCES TO HELP YOUR CHILD...** Whether it be the internet, the local library or a friend's son who got an A in Advanced Algebra, use whatever help you can to assist your child in school. You can't be expected to know it all... but someone out there has the answers. Teach your child how to be resourceful.
- 6) **PRAISE YOUR CHILD...** Reward your child with words. We all benefit from praise. Increasing your child's self esteem and self worth will improve their performance at school.
- 7) **ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY....** Learning happens in all sorts of ways. Have your child create their own board games, paint, and draw. Participation in the arts will help your child succeed in all sorts of ways.
- 8) **DEVELOP A REWARD SYSTEM...** Many children need short term and long term rewards to help motivate them. Whether it be a penny or getting to choose a video to watch, see what works best for your child. And remember what works for one, may not work for another. All children are different.
- 9) **USE THE TV TO YOUR ADVANTAGE....** Use it as a reward. Use the TV as an educational tool for them. There are many shows on PBS that are filled with science, history and the like.
- 10) **BE A ROLE MODEL...** Go back to school.. take a class at a junior college, adult education center or the park district. Show your child.. you are never too old to learn.