



THE FAMILY TREE

Preparing Your Child for School Success

Help your child succeed at school by participating in their education. Getting involved in your child's school is one of the most significant ways you can help your child stay in school and get better grades. So show your child, and their teachers, that their school life is important by making it a part of your life as well. Get involved and stay active in your child's school with these easy tips.

At Home:

- Read to your child- reading aloud is the most important activity that parents can do to increase their child's chance of reading success.
- Limit television viewing on school nights—Too much television cuts into important activities in a child's life, such as reading, playing, and talking with family members.
- Check your child's backpack and homework every night.
- Make sure your child is well rested and well feed before school.
- Talk to your child regularly about what they are learning in school.
- Engage in a discussion about the books and stories you and your child read together.
- Help your child organize their time.
- Libraries are places of learning—Introduce your child to the library at an early age.
- Talk to your child about future plans for high school or college—Helping your child set education goals, both short term and long term.
- Decide with your child on a good time to do homework and stick to that schedule as much as possible.

At School:

- Form a two way communication between school/your child's teacher and home.
- Be a classroom helper. Help plan and accompany classes on field trips.
- Meet with your child's teacher to determine where, when and how help is needed. Be willing to volunteer your time.
- Form relationships with the school and your child's teachers.
- Participate in parent-teacher association and vote in school board elections—help make school decisions.

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