

# What You Can Do as a Parent to Help Your Child be Successful in School



**Ask** your child how their day was. Ask them open ended questions so their response isn't, "Nothing." For example; the best part of my day was...? In math we did...? The funniest thing that happened was...? I was frustrated when...?

**Read** to your child. This is beneficial in several ways.

- They improve in listening comprehension.
- They build comprehension and you can ask them questions about their reading; therefore assess their learning.
- They listen to a fluent reader, YOU
- You bond together for unforgettable memories.

**Practice** at home with your child about what they are learning in class. For example: review math facts in the car, have them help you measure ingredient while cooking, count change, tell the time, or practice spelling words at the dinner table. This helps to get involved with your child and learn about what is going on in school.

**Support** homework. Always do homework together. When your child does their homework alone, you will not be able to see their study habits or see what they need work on. Don't forget it's their homework, not yours. They need to learn it, not you.

**Review** progress reports, assessments, or graded work. Be aware of your child's grades, behavior, and progress throughout the school year. Are they understanding the curriculum?

**Listen** to your child read out loud. This will tell you how they're reading (fluency), what kind of book they're reading, and if they understand what they're reading.

**Correct** homework before turning it in. Be there to catch mistakes and intercept wrong conceptions. The average child needs to see something at least 9 times to understand and engrave it into their brain. If taught wrong, this increases to 16 times! Yikes!

**Routine** is key! Children (and adults) love routine. For example: Do homework right after school or after dinner, do the same chores each week at the same time or same day of the week, set a time to go to bed every night and/or eat breakfast right when they get out of bed. When a routine is established, your child will feel at ease and know what's expected of them. A good life skill too!

**Involvement** makes a huge difference! Thank you for being there for your child.