

# 10 Simple Ways to Help Your Child Succeed in School

## 1. Model a Love for Learning

Show that you believe that education is important by reading at home, supporting your child at school activities such as open houses and parent/teacher conferences.

## 2. Build Good Relationships

Initiate a positive relationship with your child's teacher and principal before conflicts occur. It's better to take one day off work to create a good relationship than two days off repairing damage from a bad one.

## 3. Know What He/She Likes About School

Identify your child's favorite subject and find a way to use that subject to encourage his/her interest in the other subjects.

## 4. Give the Teacher Information

Share information about your child's favorite subject and special interests with his/her teacher.

## 5. Encourage Participation

Find out if your child is getting behind or needs more challenging work before problems occur. Some students can be more easily distracted or distract other students when they are not properly challenged.

## 6. Listen to the Lesson

Encourage your child to discuss school lessons with you everyday and ask questions like 'what did you learn today?'. Children are encouraged to learn when they believe that their parents are interested in what they know. If they don't think you're interested in what they learn in school they may not be either.

## 7. Make it Fun

Help your child associate learning with rewards and fun. Think of fun ways to help him/her see the value of getting a good education.

## 8. Create a Learning Environment

Identify the type of environment your child performs best in (lighting, location, time of day etc.) and create a spot in your home, whenever possible, that supports his/her preferred environment during homework time.

## 9. Promote Great Expectations

Give your child access to academically challenging information and supervised learning experiences. Increase the number of books available to your child and encourage your child to read daily. Research shows that the number of books and words a child has exposure to can positively influence and improve his/her experiences in school.

## 10. Affirm & Support

Remind your child that they do not have to be great at everything and encourage and praise them when they do their best.