

Help your child succeed in school

For students in junior grades

You will be their GUIDE

Giving of yourself and your time

Understanding of their strengths and needs

Involved knowing what is valued and important to them

Demanding of their best and establishing limits when needed

Example

There are many ways in which parents can help support their child's learning at home. Here are some tips to help your child succeed in school:

Celebrate strengths

- Be positive – comment on the things that are done well
- Be specific – acknowledge even the smallest of things

Make learning a priority

- Make sure attendance is regular
- Show a positive attitude towards learning and school
- Get involved
- Support school functions such as open houses, parent teacher interviews and school council meetings

Encourage daily reading

- Make a number of reading materials available such as magazines, cookbooks, non-fiction books, novels and comic books
- Plan regular visits to the library or a book store

- Offer alternative choices for reading like audio tapes in the car on long drives or at bedtime

Talk about the books you and your child read

Demonstrate an interest in school

- Talk about each school day
- Ask to see class work and assignments
- Encourage your child to discuss new ideas and opinions
- Contact your child's teacher for information sharing

Support success through organization

- Have a consistent homework time
- Have established routines for completing homework
- Set up an area for homework away from noise and distraction
- Post deadlines on a family calendar
- Check and sign your child's agenda daily
- Read—to and with your child—a variety of material in your first language
- Set a healthy bedtime

Help set goals

- Establish goals at the beginning of each term
- Make sure the goals are specific

Support your child in math

There are many ways to solve a problem. Use one or more of these strategies to help your child solve a problem.

- Make a list
- Draw a diagram
- Make a model
- Guess and check
- Find all the combinations
- Simplify the problem
- Talk about the strategies used
- Help with mathematical terms

- Put the goals where they can be frequently seen. The refrigerator is an excellent spot.
- Evaluate the goals at the end of the term
- Celebrate successes

Support your child in science and social studies

- Talk about the topic before your child reads
- Help with vocabulary
- Have them explain what has been read
- Provide materials to record information