



How to Help You Child Succeed In School and In Life

Infants and Toddlers:

- Be a good role model. Your child learns by watching you.
- Hold and hug your child often – it's good for both of you.
- A healthy baby has a head start on learning. Eat well and make sure your child visits the doctor regularly and has all the right shots and vaccinations.

Preschool:

- Teach your child about the world around you – go to the grocery store, park, and library together.
- Don't be in a hurry – give your child time to learn and grow.
- Turn off the TV and give your child a picture book or try coloring and drawing.
- Let your child help with simple tasks like putting away toys and clothes.

Grades K-3:

- Be active in your child's school. Make sure your child attends every day. Get to know the teachers and talk to them about your child regularly.
- Read to your child and ask him or her to read to you.
- Make sure your child has plenty of playtime with other children and learns to share.
- Always make time to listen – it's one of the most important things you can do.

Grades 4-8:

- Ask about your child's day at school and homework. Be ready to praise a job well done.
- Make sure that homework gets done.
- Meet your child's friends and watch them as carefully as you do your own children.
- Visit the school often. If you think there's a problem at school, talk to the teachers and principal immediately.

Grades 9-12:

- Make sure that school comes first with your child.
- Listen when your child talks about the school day.
- Help your teenager balance school, work, and social life.
- Ask about dreams and goals. Show the connection between school and reaching those goals.
- Teenagers need space – but make sure they know that you're always there for them.

