**Tips on How to Help Your Child Succeed in School**

1. **Children must be in class every day.**   
   So much valuable learning is lost when your child is not in school. They don’t just miss out on the assignment, more importantly they miss out on that day’s lesson. Then they come back to make up work and play catch up which can lead to falling behind altogether. Plus, it’s overwhelming for the child to try and figure out the assignments they missed while also keeping up with current lessons and assignments. This means that all appointments are to be scheduled for after school. Children should go to school even when it’s raining or when it’s too cold outside and they go to school if they are too sleepy or if you are too sleepy to drive them. (Same goes for tardiness and early dismissals.**)**
2. **Have your child study every day.**   
   Even the days when they don’t have much homework, have them read an extra 3o minutes or practice their math facts.
3. **Homework and school assignments take priority over everything.**  
   They come before any extracurricular activities that your child attends after school. Time must always be made to complete homework assignments accurately as they are a reinforcement of that day’s lessons.
4. **Study for tests.**   
   Stay in contact with the teacher about test dates and upcoming chapter tests. Check your child’s agenda book or the teacher’s website for this information. Study with your child and teach your child how to study.
5. A**sk your child about their day.**   
   Tell them to explain to you what they learned that day. Have discussions with them about the subjects they are learning at school. “Wow, you learned about Martin Luther King Jr. today? What was his greatest achievement? What can you tell me about him?” Make sure the questions you ask are opened ended, so you get more than a “fine,” “okay,” “good” response.
6. **Participate in as many school activities as possible (both students AND parents).**Encourage your child to get involved in after school clubs and activities and get involved yourself! Volunteer in the classroom, help with fundraisers, participate in Family Nights and join the P.T.A. Being present and active (whenever possible) in their school is a great way to stay updated with your child’s academics.
7. **Stay in contact with the teachers.**   
   Whether it’s via your child’s agenda, routine emails, notes to check in on how your child is progressing, or utilizing Home Access Center regularly. This shows your child that you are interested and that you and the teacher are a team.
8. **Display your child’s hard work at home.**   
   Whether it’s on the fridge or in a frame. Show off that good grade they earned or worked hard for. What you display doesn’t always have to be “A” work, but it sends the message that their “best” is GREAT and that you’re proud.
9. **Lastly, rewards and consequences.**   
   Reward the good grades and positive behavior at school, but give strong consequences when those two change. This holds them responsible for their actions and choices. Also, it sends the message that school is the priority.

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