Tips for Parents

These top ten tips are designed to help you to help your child get the best from their learning experience.

1. **Be involved.** Parent involvement helps students learn and helps teachers work with your child to help them succeed.

2. **Be positive.** Encourage children to do their best, but don't pressure them by setting goals too high or by scheduling too many activities.

3. **Be a good role model.** Show your children by your own actions that you believe learning is both enjoyable and useful. Read more and use television, videos, and game systems creatively for education.

4. **Accept your responsibility as parents.** Don't expect the school and teachers to take over your obligations as parents. Teach children self- discipline and respect for others at home – don't rely on teachers and schools to teach these basic behaviours and attitudes.

5. **Encourage students to do their best in school.** Show your children that you believe education is important. Ask about homework, check it has been done. Don't let them miss classes unnecessarily.

6. **Find a balance between schoolwork and outside activities**. Emphasise your children's progress in developing the knowledge and skills they need to be successful both in school and in life.

7. **Be aware of things that affect classroom performance**. Try to limit the negative effects of late nights and longs of extra activities.

8. **Provide resources at home for learning**. Make sure have English language books, comics and magazines available in your home.

9. **Understand and support school rules and goals**. Take care not to undermine school rules, discipline or goals.

10. **Speak to the teacher!** As soon as you think there's a problem, contact the school. Don't wait for the end of term or parents' day.

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