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Join the School Success Team

Teaching is a team effort between teachers and parents. Parents play the biggest role in their child's school success. This year, help your child have a positive experience in school.

Teach your child how to listen. Read aloud to her everyday. Ask her questions about what you read. Limit computer, video game and

television time. Your child needs time to talk with people, face-to-face. Review the tips on listening skills in the PHL August 2005 newsletter.

Make sure your child is ready for school. Set an early bedtime so he gets plenty of sleep. Fix him breakfast. Dress him properly, according to the weather and school activities. Check for papers and homework. Label his school belongings. Send a lunch or lunch money. *Get him to school on time*.

Ask your child about school – every day. You will find out what happens at school. Your child will know that you think school is important. Ask specific questions. Make the conversation fun. Do not be a drill sergeant.

Read everything the teacher sends home. It is important. Ask your child for notes from school. After you read them, keep them in a folder in case you need to look at them again.



Support your child's teacher and the school.

Even if you think them, *do not* say negative comments about school in front of your child. Do not call teachers names. If you have a problem or concern, go to the teacher. Be respectful and willing to listen to what he has to say. Tell the teacher your concerns. Work together for your child.

Encourage your child to read.

It is easier for a good reader to learn and study. If she does not have homework, set aside time to read. Better yet, read to her. It is a great way to spend time together.

Work on math skills at home. Use flash cards or workbooks. Use everyday life to teach math skills. Count silverware. Sort laundry. Count the days on the calendar. Use measuring cups and spoons when cooking.

Prepare your child to be independent and responsible. The night before school, your child should: do his homework, help with family chores, pack his backpack and pick out his school clothes.

Getting an education is your child's ticket to a future full of promise. All these activities say I love you. They also teach your child to follow your example and value learning.

Call the Parent Help Line. We listen. We can find you help. 1-217-544-5808 or 1-888-727-5889 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. , 7 days a week.