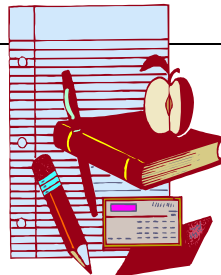




Learning in Your Home

How Can I Make Our Home a Good Place for My Child To Learn?



*Have **high expectations** for your child's learning and behavior, both at home and at school.

***Praise and encourage** your child.

*Emphasize **effort and achievement**, and be a role model for getting work done before play.

*Establish **rules and routines** in the home.

*Monitor television viewing.

***Read to your young child** or have him or her read to you every night.

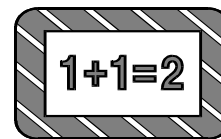


Encourage older children to read by reading yourself and by having interesting things to read.

*Provide a special place for school notes, finished assignments, and school supplies.

How Can I Help My Child With Homework?

Most teachers assign homework on a regular practice before understanding concepts.



basis because is needed children fully and new skills or Homework also

increases the amount of learning time available and allows students to do more in-depth learning.

Guidelines for helping with homework:

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***Reward progress;** use lots of praise; display good work.

***Find out about the homework;** how much, how to prepare it and turn it in, and what to do when they don't understand something.

***Help your child develop a homework schedule** that he or she can stick to.

***Talk to your child each day** about homework assignments; go over work; see if it's complete; ask questions about it.

But don't do your child's homework yourself!

***Provide a suitable place for study** (if possible, make it quiet and away from the distractions of TV, phone, and loud music).

***Avoid making homework a punishment.**

parent, can contribute to your child's learning experiences, no matter how much education you yourself have.

Getting involved in your child's education will make a difference!

Children whose parents are involved in their education have...

better grades

better attitude towards school

more appropriate school behavior

Don't underestimate what YOU, as a

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The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, "Beyond the Basics" resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi. The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series' themes include:

- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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