

Family Engagement Helpful Hints

National Family Engagement Day 11/19/20

Talking to your child about Math

Math is everywhere! Being skilled in math helps children do well in school and day to day life, and have better job choices. Follow these suggestions to boost your child's math skills.

- 1.Explain how math is used in daily life, such as buying groceries or putting gas in the car. Together think of other everyday situations that require math.
- 2.Come up with math questions to ask your child each day, such as “You have 30 minutes to play on the computer. Its 6:15 pm right now. What time do you stop?”
- 3.Have your child help you with math related activities, such as cooking or baking. Double or triple recipes to add more math.
4. Play games that use math such as dominoes or cards
- 5.Help your child with math homework. Ask for explanations and suggestions so you know the concepts are understood.
- 6.Explain how having a good grasp on math helps in other school subjects, such as science and art.
- 7.If your child is struggling with math, talk to the teacher or school counselor about extra help

Talking with your child about Reading

Reading is one of the most important skills everyone needs to master to succeed in school, a job, and day to day life. These tips will help your child become a better reader.

1. Help your child find books, magazines, or other materials about topics that interest him/her.
2. Encourage your child to spend at least half an hour a day reading at home.
3. Talk with your child about school each day and ask about what he/she is reading
4. Ask who, what, where, when, how and why questions to help your child identify details in a text.
5. Read a story together, then ask your child to tell you in his/her own words what it was about.
6. Challenge your child to find, use and learn to spell one word a week
7. Read some nonfiction together. Then ask your child to tell you the main point of the piece and how the author supports it with fact and details

Talk to your child about writing

Good writing skills will help your child succeed at school and in a career. Here are ways that you can support your child in learning how to write well.

1. Let your child see you write so he/she understands that writing is not just for school.
2. Involve your child in everyday writing. Ask him/her to jot down grocery lists, thank you cards, and add messages to birthday cards
3. Give gifts that encourage writing, such as journals, nice pens and notecards
4. Offer your child fun ideas to write about, such as “What would you do if someone gave you a million dollars?”
5. If your child has trouble getting started on a writing project, have him/her explain the assignment to you. Ask questions to help your child work out what he/she wants to say.
6. Have your child read to you what he/she has written. Talk together about the ideas it presents
7. Praise your child’s efforts. Point out what you like best. Ignore minor errors.

The importance of good attendance

Good attendance makes a difference! It improves academic performance and promotes future success. Share these reasons to go to school everyday.

1. Each day's lesson builds off what was taught before. Missing just one class can put you behind.
2. Absences can affect other students if the teacher has to reteach things that were missed
3. In class activities, such as experiments and demonstrations usually can not be made up
4. Class participation is often included in grading
5. Poor attendance leads to lower grades. It also raised the risk of dropping out of school and taking part in criminal behavior
6. Good attendance is an important habit. You can lose a job for missing too many days of work.
7. If you are sick stay home if not come to school!