



The BEST School Year Ever!

Establishing a Curriculum of the HOME!

Families of children who are doing well in school exhibit the following six characteristics.

1. Establish a daily family routine!

- Provide a time and place to study.
- Assign responsibility for household chores.
- Be firm about “get up” and “go to bed” times.
- Have dinner together!

2. Monitor out of school activities.

- Set limits on TV watching.
- Check up on children when parents are not home.
- Arrange for after-school activities and supervised care.

3. Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.

- Ask questions and have conversations with your child.
- Use the library and other reference materials.
- Show that achievement is related to working hard.
- Talk about the importance of education as a key to success!

4. Express high, but realistic expectations for achievement.

- Set goals appropriate for child’s age and maturity.
- Recognize and encourage special talents.
- Inform your friends and extended family about successes.

5. Encourage children’s progress and development in school.

- Maintain a supportive and good home environment for learning.
- Show interest in your child’s progress at school.
- Help with homework.
- Discuss the value of a good education and possible career options.
- Stay in touch with teachers and school staff.

6. Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.

- Read and listen to your child read.
- Talk about what is read.
- Discuss the day at the dinner table.
- Share problems.
- Write letters, notes, and lists.