

Title I Calendar

Connecting Home and School

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IMPROVING ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Would most parents send their children off to a sports competition without practice?

Without proper equipment? Without knowing if they had medical insurance?

Academic preparation requires training too.....and parents can be the coach.

Below are some tips to “coach” your student to attain academic success....

1. Set High Expectations

Make sure children know it is important that they give school their best effort. Encourage them to do their best each day.

2. Talk about school every day

Ask about school every day; ask about what children are learning. Be available to answer questions and concerns.

3. Monitor school work and assignments

Check assignments every day. Ask to see planners, tests and other work. Have children explain assignments to you. Help them to plan long term projects in order to avoid stress and anxiety the night before a project is due.

4. Make homework a daily habit

Set aside a time for homework every day. If possible, have a quiet place reserved for studying with necessary supplies. Keep distractions to a minimum.

5. Be Aware of Test taking schedules

Students should be well rested and arrive to school on time during test taking days. Make sure children have a good breakfast and pack a healthy snack.

6. Teacher Contact

Attend parent teacher conferences. If not able to attend at scheduled times, contact the teacher to schedule a conference. Make a list of questions prior to attending since time is sometimes short. Ask about assessments and other ways progress is measured.

7. Encourage your child to READ

No single activity is linked to academic success as much as reading. Students should read at home every day. Turn off electronic devices and encourage students to read to you and with you. Parents/Guardians can help their children by reading the books that students are assigned for school. That way, they can discuss the books and enjoy them together.

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