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8 ways to support your children in language immersion

even when you don't speak the second language

1 Read with and to them



When you regularly read to your children, you instill a love for reading and model how to read adequately with fluency and expression.

2 Encourage curiosity



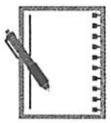
Ask your children open-ended questions about what they are learning in school. Motivate them to question the world around them.

3 Applaud effort



Emphasize the value of acquiring another language, and recognize their progress and accomplishments.

4 Develop study skills



Ask the teacher how much homework to expect and regularly set aside time to work on it. Remember that homework is the student's responsibility and encourage them to be accountable by following up with them later.

5 Become involved



Become involved in your child's school experience by volunteering in the immersion classroom or helping with materials, activities or field trips.

6 Create cultural experiences



Extend cultural experiences beyond the classroom. Take your child to an international event such as a cultural festival.

7 Use technology



Use apps, movies, TV or the Internet to increase the amount of time your child spends engaging in the immersion language.

8 Communicate with teachers



Keep the lines of communication open. When talking to your child's teacher, be honest about your concerns and receptive to their advice.

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