New Year’s Resolution:
Help Your Kids Do Great in School

Did you know? Kids whose parents are involved in their education have better grades, a better attitude toward school, and more appropriate school behavior than those with less involved parents. Consider trying a few of these tips—and make a big difference!

**Tip 1: Get involved**
- Visit your child’s classroom when you bring your child to school.
- See if your school offers any workshops for parents, and arrange to go!

**Tip 2: Check on homework**
- Talk to your child each day about homework.
- Help your child manage the workload by dividing assignments into smaller parts.
- Give your child a good place to study—away from TV, phone, or loud music.
- Do not use homework as a punishment; include it as part of the daily routine.

**Tip 3: Make home a good place for learning**
- Praise and encourage your child.
- Be a role model for getting work done before play.
- Establish a homework routine—same time, same place, every day.
- Most importantly, read to your child or have him read to you every day.

**What should I do if my child isn’t doing well in school?**
Contact your child’s teacher; don’t wait for the school to contact you. Ask for specific activities you can do at home with your child. Meet with your child’s teacher frequently until the problem is resolved.

**What if my child doesn’t like school?**
Try to find out why your child seems unhappy with school. Arrange for a conference with the teacher or school counselor. Listen carefully to your child before you offer any solutions.

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