

Parent Tips

1. Talk with your children
2. Listen to your children
3. Encourage your children
4. Be patient with your children
5. Avoid comparing your children
6. Set the stage for good homework habits
7. Schedule home study on a regular basis
8. See that your child's attendance is excellent
9. Know exactly how your children are doing in school
10. Make family mealtimes more meaningful by talking, sharing, discussing problems and aspirations
11. Make television your servant, not your master (Help them choose appropriate programs to watch)
12. Keep computers in their place
13. Take your children places
14. Read with your children
15. Help your children read
16. Have your children read to you
17. Listen as your children tell you what they have read
18. Provide a wide variety of reading materials in your home
19. Give your children books as birthday or holiday gifts
20. Tempt your children with paperbacks
21. Join and use the public library
22. Intrigue your children with their own magazine subscriptions
23. Get your children interested in newspapers
24. Encourage a wide variety of reading experiences (e.g., kitchen reading, medicine cabinet reading, music-time reading)
25. Support, encourage, be positive

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