

Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School



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Thank you for being here today...



You have already sent
your children an
important message:



School is
very
important.

It's not easy to find time
for school meetings ...



Or even to
spend time
with your
children!

The world is changing...
Our children don't live in the
world we grew up in. ***Fast!***



Our schedules are crazy . . .
and our kids' schedules are, too!

Brainstorm # 1.

What are some practical ways busy parents can find more time to spend with their children?

Two main ideas:

1. **YOU** play a vital role in your children's education.



Two main ideas:

2. **YOU** can do simple things at home that make a big difference.



Children
are learning
every minute
they're awake.



Waking hours children spend learning ...

How much of that time would you guess children spend:

- Learning at school?
- Learning at home?

More than

85%

Less than 15% of a child's time through age 18 is spent in school.

Time at Home vs. Time in School

180 days per school year.

TOTAL TIME

- 16 waking hours/day
- 365 days per year
- 18 years

Total of 105,120 waking hours by age 18.

TIME IN SCHOOL

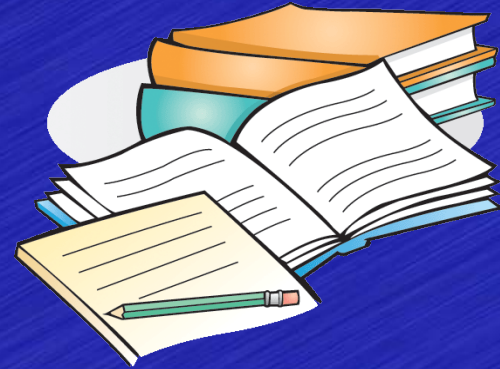
- 6.5 hours per school day
- 180 school days per year
- 13 school years

Total of 15,210 hours in school by age 18.

Children spend much more time learning at home than at school.



Coleman Report:
Family is most
powerful influence
on student achievement.



Research studies over the
years have found similar
results.

Research says:

Parents boost reading success.

Children who
practiced
reading at
home with
parents made
bigger gains.



Research says:



Parents can raise
achievement test scores.

University of Michigan study:
1 hour = $\frac{1}{2}$ point

The evidence is clear:

YOU

Parents, better than anyone else, teach their children the essentials for success in life:

- Right from wrong
- Respect for others
- Family values—religious, cultural, political
- Family traditions
- Sense of being part of a family group
- Sense of self



Parents, better than anyone else, teach their children the essentials for success in life:

- Self-worth
- Self-respect
- Self-discipline
- Work ethic
- Manners
- Motivation
- Character traits
- Love



Research proves that students with involved parents are more likely to:

- Complete more homework.



Parents' best approach to homework:

- Establish a daily time and place for homework.
- Set high, realistic expectations that homework will be done, and done well. (Homework Schedule)



Discuss weekly priorities (test, homework) and help child to establish a plan to complete tasks.

Teaching your child to “Think/Plan Ahead”!

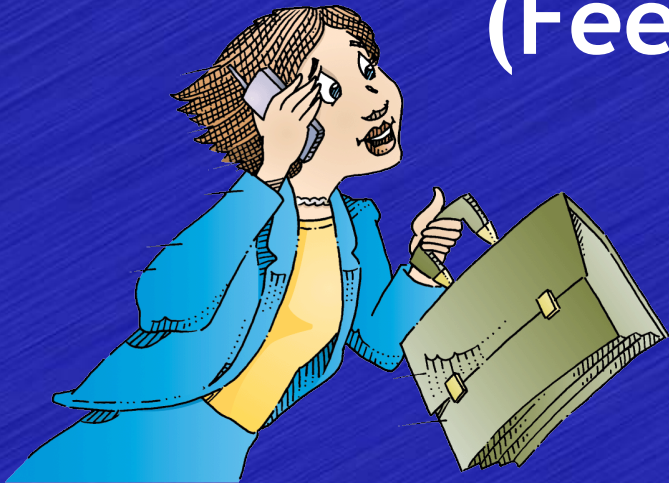


Allow them to see or experience the consequences of not thinking ahead or planning! (Use yourself as a model)

Who has great homework advice to share?

What is your biggest issue/concern with homework?

(Feedback form)



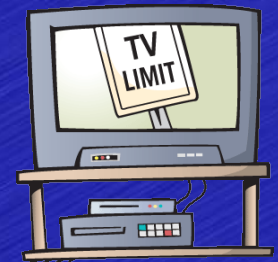
In summary, as busy parents you can:



1. Make sure your child gets to school every day.
2. Make good use of car time.
3. Exchange notes with your child.
4. Schedule time with your child.



5. Encourage reading.
6. Limit kids' "screen time."
7. Get to know your child's teachers.
8. Set a time for homework.
9. Provide learning resources at home.
10. Open communication lines.
11. Discuss test & follow up
12. Ask specific questions daily about content using Newsletter



We need excellent schools!

But schools can't do the job alone!



Neither can parents.

When parents and schools work together great things happen.

Thank you again for being here!



**Busy parents CAN
help children
succeed in
school.**

YOU make the difference!

See Handouts

- ~ Homework Checklist
- ~ Solutions to 5 Common Homework Challenges
- ~ Monitoring Your Child's Progress



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