

Involved Parents The Key to Success in School

ACTIVITY #1 INCORPORATING LEARNING INTO EVERYDAY LIFE

We use a variety of skills in our everyday lives. Some of these skills, like addition and subtraction, are things your child is learning in school. This activity will help you think about how you can show your child that the things he or she learns in school will be used in everyday life. In small groups, brainstorm how the following skills play a role in your lives. List some of the ideas on the lines below each skill and then discuss how you can include your child in these activities.

Math: Making sure you have enough money to buy something.

Reading: Reading ingredients or following a recipe.

Writing: Making a grocery list.

Science: Cooking

History: Telling a story about your childhood.

ACTIVITY #2 HOMEWORK CHALLENGES

Brainstorm ways to handle these situations. Try to find a way to get the result you want, such as homework completed as neatly and correctly as possible.

For the fourth day in a row, your child announces “No Homework” as he comes in the door after school. He then asks if he can go play.

Your child begins their homework at the time set aside in your family schedule. Ten minutes later, she says “All done!” and brings you her finished work to check before she goes to play. All the answers are correct but it takes you longer to read the page than it took her to do it because it is so sloppy.

Your child finishes his homework in just a few minutes every night. When you check it, you see that he’s made several mistakes. You suspect that the mistakes are because he didn’t read the directions carefully.

Your child settles down to begin her homework. After a few minutes, she says, “I don’t know how to do this! The teacher didn’t teach us this!”



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ACTIVITY # 3 WHO WOULD YOU CONTACT

There are many times when a problem arises at school and you need to resolve it. Do you know who the best person to contact in these situations? Write down who you would contact. If you aren't sure, find out from your child's school.

Your child's report card shows no improvement since the last grading period. You are concerned that he's not doing better.

A child in another grade is bullying your child on the playground during recess. Now your child doesn't want to go to school.

Your child has recently experienced the loss of a family pet. He seems more quiet than usual and has lost interest in doing homework.

Your child is having a lot of trouble reading. You want to make sure that it's not due to a learning disability.

Your child is struggling with their homework and you don't understand the content to help them complete it correctly.

ACTIVITY # 4 YOUR SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION

Principal

Assistant Principal

Teacher

Other Support Staff

Your School Website and Phone Number

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