

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL

MEET YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS.

Meet your child's teachers in the first two months of school.

- Ask about what your child will learn this year.
- Let teachers know you want your child to go to college and you want to be called if there are any problems.
- Don't wait for teachers to call you—call them if you have questions or concerns.
- Ask questions about standardized tests.

TALK ABOUT SCHOOL AT HOME.

- Get your child in the habit of talking about school.
- Find out if your child has homework or if your child is having problems understanding anything.

GO TO SCHOOL.

- Make every effort to participate in school activities.
- If time permits, volunteer for everything you can at school.
- If you are learning English, ask to meet with a Spanish-speaking counselor or teacher. Your involvement helps create a close link between home and school and communicates how important education is to you.

PRAISE YOUR CHILD.

- Encourage your child to do the very best he or she can.
- Compliment your child for working hard.
- Show excitement when your child makes good grades.

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HELP WITH HOMEWORK.

- Make sure that there is time and a quiet place for homework.
- Take an interest in the homework, and make sure your child knows you and other family members are there to help. Grades count, even at the beginning.

CHECK OUT

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS.

Many schools or community centers offer afternoon programs to help children with homework. Look for programs that also offer learning activities that are fun, like chess, dance or team sports.

CONTINUE TO MAKE TIME TO READ.

- Read aloud to your children, and encourage them to read aloud to you and other family members.
- Encourage your children to read to each other.

THINK COLLEGE.

- It's never too early to talk with your children about college—some people say that college begins in kindergarten. Your children need to know at an early age that college is in their future plans.
- Talk with your children's teachers about college and let them know you are ready to help your children go to college.

SHOOT FOR THE STARS.

Your child is special, unique and capable of doing anything he or she wants. Make sure your children and their teachers know that you believe this!