

# Parent Engagement Matters

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As a parent, you are your child's first and most important teacher. When you are engaged in your child's school, your child develops key social and emotional learning skills, such as self-awareness, relationship building, and responsible decision-making. Here are some ways you can be involved!



## Promote a Positive View

What we say and do in our lives can help children to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. **You are a powerful role model that can spark enthusiasm for school and future success!**

## Practice Meaningful Communication

Communication between home and school is on-going and two-way. Address concerns or questions honestly, openly, and early on. **Ensure the school has your current contact information (home address, phone, email, emergency contact info, etc.) to stay up to date with any school matters.**

## Develop a Partnership

There are many people at your child's school who are there to help. **When children observe that home and school are engaged in a respectful partnership for their benefit, they are likely to develop more positive attitudes about school and achieve more.**



## Encourage Active Learning

Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems, and exploring interests. **One way of doing this is through dinner discussions: The dinner table is often a great space for sharing, reflecting, and engaging in discussions about what is being learned.**



## Help Manage Homework

Let your child know that homework is a priority. Set aside a special place to study and establish a regular time for homework. **Help your child stay organized, ask about daily assignments, and monitor their work. Always remember to notice and praise effort!**



## Set High Expectations

Setting high expectations will depend on a wide variety of factors, including your child's age, inherent abilities, and areas of interest. **Setting high expectations means challenging your child to achieve beyond what they think they can achieve.**

## Family Mealtime Matters

According to <https://childhood101.com/>, regularly eating meals together as a family is very beneficial. It allows parents to keep tabs on how their children are doing and in turn teaches children that they can talk to their family members about any concerns. Below are some "conversation starters" that you may find helpful, or feel free to create your own!



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