



Resource 4

Secrets of Student Success: What Parents Need to Know

Here are some ways you can support your child with school.

1. Establish daily family routines for:

- homework (time/space/supplies)
- reading (together and independently)
- hobbies
- bedtime
- household chores

2. Monitor out-of-school activities by:

- checking in by phone
- limiting television watching to less than 12 hours a week
- checking on the whereabouts of your children

3. Set age-appropriate and specific expectations about:

- school achievement
- behavior and manners
- work activities and ethics

4. Promote life-long learning by:

- showing an active interest in school, education and related activities
- recognizing and supporting child's talents and interests
- helping to explore career possibilities
- reading, writing and talking together
- expressing confidence in your child's ability to be successful in life

These secrets require little or no money. The bottom line is this: what children need to be successful in the classroom turns out to be the very same thing that they need to be successful outside of the classroom - caring and involved adults paying close attention. There is no substitute for adult supervision and guidance.