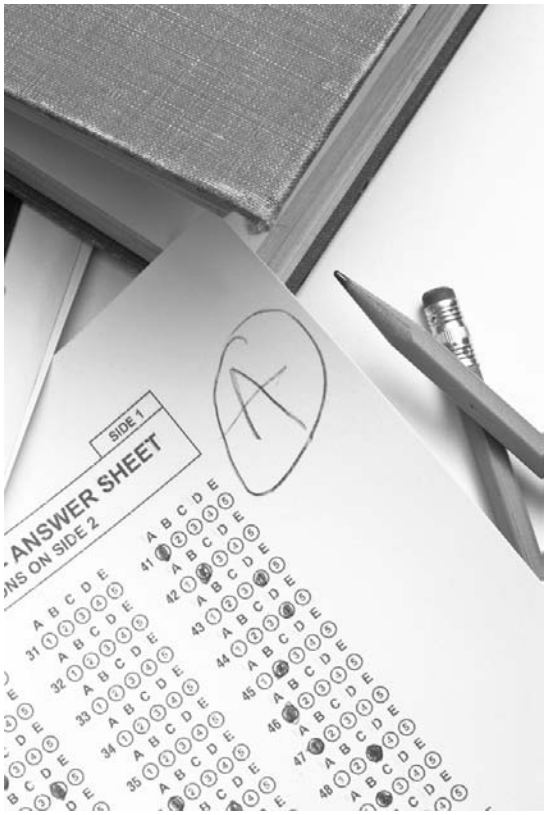
HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

You are your child's most important teacher. Being involved in your child's school and teaching your child that you value education will encourage him or her to aim for success.

Here are some tips to help your child soar:



1. **MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD TO READ.** If your child is struggling to read or has a learning disability, ask his teachers about reading programs that can provide extra help or resources.

2. **HOLD CONVERSATIONS** with your child to help develop her language skills. Children learn how to follow directions in school by first listening carefully to their parents at home.

3. **OVERSEE YOUR CHILD'S HOMEWORK**. Set up a designated time and area for homework, such as the kitchen table or a desk in her room. Make sure the homework area has good lighting and is quiet.

4. **INTRODUCE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY** at a young age and take him often. Libraries provide a place for children to discover information that can make them eager and independent learners.

5. **ENCOURAGE CURIOSITY.** Children learn by asking and answering questions and through problem solving activities. By encouraging your child to ask questions and state his opinion at home, your child will be more likely to participate in school.

6. **IF YOUR CHILD HAS A LEARNING DISABILITY, EXPLAIN WHAT THE LEARNING DISABILITY IS** and why she has it. Providing your child with accurate information will give her a greater sense of control and an understanding of how she can do her best.

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