

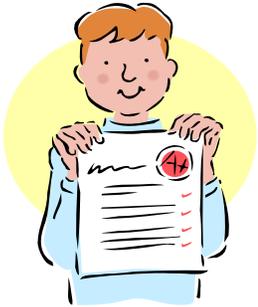
SO REMEMBER...

Participate in your child's interests

Listen to their concerns

And

Celebrate their success!



Keeping Your Child Connected to the School



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*Tips on Motivating
Your Child at Home*

Children learn from everything they do. Early on, children form attitudes about learning that will last a lifetime.

Children who receive the right kind of support and encouragement during these years will more likely become creative, adventurous learners into adolescence and adulthood, whereas children who do not receive this kind of support and interaction are likely to have a much different attitude about learning later in life.

What We Already Know:

- Students want to accomplish things on their own
- Students want to master their environment
- Students want to feel attached to others



What Does This Have To Do With School?

- As students get older, they are more likely to encounter failure
- School topics typically lose interest as students get older
- Students who feel they belong in school and are part of something are more motivated to do well in school
- Students typically lose internal motivation as they get older
- As students get older, their goals change as social goals (such as sports) increase and academic goals are likely to decrease
- High school students are more likely to watch their performance and compare it to other classmates

What You As A Parent Should Know

- Ask your son/daughter how school is going for them every now and then
- Stay connected with their school (ex: PTA)
- If you hold high standards for your child's performance in school, they are more likely to develop anxiety
 - Anxiety can lead to your child avoiding classes and thinking that they will fail
- Be careful of giving external rewards to your child, such as money for every 'A' earned
 - They might not care about doing well in school, but only care about getting money!
- By verbally praising your child, they should show more internal motivation

