

Top ten requests for parents

These top ten tips are designed to help you to help your child get the best from their learning experience.

- 1. Be involved.** Parent involvement helps students learn and helps teachers work with your child to help them succeed.
- 2. Be positive.** Encourage children to do their best, but don't pressure them by setting goals too high or by scheduling too many activities.
- 3. Be a good role model.** Show your children by your own actions that you believe English is both enjoyable and useful. Read more and use television, videos and game systems creatively for education.
- 4. Accept your responsibility as parents.** Don't expect the school and teachers to take over your obligations as parents. Teach children self-discipline and respect for others at home -- don't rely on teachers and schools to teach these basic behaviours and attitudes.
- 5. Encourage students to do their best in school.** Show your children that you believe education is important. Ask about homework, check it has been done. Don't let them miss classes unnecessarily.
- 6. Find a balance between schoolwork and outside activities.** Emphasise your children's progress in developing the knowledge and skills they need to be successful both in school and in life.
- 7. Be aware of things that affect classroom performance.** Try to limit the negative effects of late nights and long hours of extra activities.
- 8. Provide resources at home for learning.** Make sure you have English language books, comics and magazines available in your home.
- 9. Understand and support school rules and goals.** Take care not to undermine school rules, discipline, or goals.
- 10. Speak to the teacher!** As soon as you think there's a problem, contact the school. Don't wait for the end of term or parents' day.