



## Kindergarten Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great kindergarten year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Read to your child every night.

Reading to your child expands his/her vocabulary, stimulates your kindergartener's imagination, and improves your child's listening skills. It also nurtures the bond between you and your child.



### 2. Encourage active reading.

While reading a story, ask your child questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?" "What would you do?" and "How do you think he felt?"



### 3. Develop writing skills.

Encourage your child to write simple thank you notes and get well cards, and to title and sign his/her artwork.



### 4. Build math skills.

Look for ways to talk about numbers in everyday life. Ask your child to bring you a certain number of objects, and play games that require counting.



### 5. Stay informed.

Attend parent programs, meetings, and parent-teacher conferences. Also, regularly check your school's website for news and updates.



## 1st Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great first grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Encourage everyday reading.

Ask your child to point out words he/she recognizes in books, on street signs, and in stores—and to also try to sound out unknown words.



### 2. Promote active reading.

While reading a story, ask your child questions such as, "What do you think will happen next?" "What would you do?" and "How do you think he felt?"



### 3. Develop writing skills.

Have writing supplies readily available. Encourage your child to make cards for family members, write thank you notes, and put titles on artwork.



### 4. Build math skills.

Provide small objects such as cereal for your child to practice counting up to 120. Use drawings and small objects to practice adding and subtracting.



### 5. Support your child.

First graders are learning many new things and may get frustrated at times. If your child gets frustrated, provide encouragement and be available to help.



## 2nd Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great second grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Read together.

Read to your child every day and have your child read to you. Ask questions such as "What do you think will happen next?" and "What would you do?"



### 2. Develop writing skills.

Ask your child to write about something that was enjoyable or fun, such as a friend's birthday party, family outing, or vacation.



### 3. Build math skills.

While your child is completing routine tasks, verbally quiz him/her on addition and subtraction facts (e.g.,  $9+1$ ,  $10-4$ ). Be sure to keep it fun!



### 4. Encourage curiosity.

Visit museums. Explore nature. Search online together for answers to questions like "How are thunder and lightning formed?"



### 5. Develop large motor skills.

Encourage fun physical activities, such as riding bikes, swimming, hiking, kicking a soccer ball, or playing catch.



## 3rd Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great third grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Make reading a priority.

Encourage your child to read independently—and ask your child to tell you about what he/she is reading.



### 2. Make writing fun.

Create a “dialogue journal” (a notebook in which you and your child write back and forth to each other) or suggest your child try creative writing.



### 3. Apply math to real life.

Ask your child to count out the correct coins to pay for an item or help you measure things for a home project.

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### 4. Provide math encouragement.

Third graders are learning many new math skills and may become frustrated at times. If your child ever gets discouraged or frustrated, provide encouragement and be available to help.



### 5. Reduce test anxiety.

In many states, third grade is an important year for standardized testing. Explain that the test doesn't affect school grades, and tell your child to just do his/her best.



## 4th Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great fourth grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Make attendance a priority.

Attendance is the #1 school success factor. Make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.



### 2. Read together.

Choose a book series to work through together (e.g., *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Magic Tree House*). Take turns reading to each other.



### 3. Encourage writing.

Have your child write thank you notes, letters to friends and relatives, or a poem or short story to share.

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### 4. Model problem solving.

If your child asks for help with math homework, verbalize your thinking as you determine how to work out a math problem.



### 5. Help your child get organized.

Provide your student with folders, binders, and/or a planner. Help your child create a simple system for organizing papers and recording homework assignments.



## 5th Grade Success Tips for Parents

Help your child have a great fifth grade year. These ten tips are sure to put your child on the path to success this year—and for years to come!



### 1. Make attendance a priority.

Attendance is the #1 school success factor. Make sure your child is in school, on time, every day.



### 2. Be a reading role model.

Let your child see you reading books, newspapers, and magazines. At dinner, talk about the interesting things you've learned.



### 3. Give your child a journal.

Encourage your child to use a diary or journal to write down his/her ideas, thoughts, dreams, and goals.



### 4. Talk about real world math.

Ask your child to help you figure out how much money to leave for a tip—or figure out which grocery item is the best value.



### 5. Promote responsibility.

Students must be responsible for keeping track of their own assignments, completing them accurately, and turning them in on time. Be supportive, but make the completion of homework your child's responsibility.