



Reading: Key to Success

No matter what their age, make sure your child reads. Below are some suggestions of ways to emphasize the value of developing life-long readers at home.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- ✓ Set a special time each day for reading aloud together.
- ✓ Encourage your child to read to you when he or she is ready.
- ✓ Let your child see you enjoying reading.
- ✓ Use audio books that you and your child can listen to together and have your child follow along with the written words in the printed book.
- ✓ Play communication games with your child, such as Scrabble or Pictionary, which involve words and explaining what they mean.
- ✓ Practice day-to-day reading and writing, such as following a recipe or writing a note.
- ✓ Continue to check with the teacher and the pediatrician about your child's language development

READING IN THE MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YEARS

Reading is an important part of the middle and high school years. Many of the subjects your child studies in middle and high school involve much more reading than in elementary school. If you have concerns, check with your child's school counselor to see what your child's reading level is. If your child reads below grade level, check with the school to see what additional reading programs are available to help improve your child's skills.

Keep on reading.

- Continue to make sure your child is reading.
- Check out your local library or buy books in which your child may have an interest. Students who have more reading materials available to them read more and do better in school.

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EVERYTHING WE DO

We may not always realize that everything we do
Affects not only our lives but touches others too.
A single happy smile can always brighten up the day
For anyone who happens to be passing by your way.
And a little bit of thoughtfulness that shows
someone you care
Creates a ray of sunshine for both of you to share.
Yes, every time you offer someone a helping hand,
Every time you show a friend you understand.
Every time you have a kind and gentle word to give,
You help someone to find beauty in this precious
life we live.
For happiness brings happiness and loving ways
bring love,
And giving is the treasure that contentment is made
of.

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Cox Elementary School



2nd Grade Parents



Family
Math Night:
Count Me In!

When? Tuesday, January 10, 2017

What? 2 digit addition and subtraction strategies and math fluency

Where? Colquitt County Schools Professional Learning Building (enter through the front of the Achievement Center ... Old Colquitt County High School front entrance) *Time: 6:00 PM*

How Teens Want Families to Communicate

Ideas for this article were contributed by members of the English class for the talented and gifted at James Madison Memorial High School, Madison, Wisconsin. Their words create a clear picture of how they wish their families would talk to them.

- Don't pressure us to achieve all the time. We do our best, but we also get tired. Remind us from time to time to slow down, goof off, do something silly.
- Be honest with us. Sooner or later we will find out the truth, and it makes us feel dumb if we are lied to.
- Tell us you love us—even if we act like we don't want to hear it. A hug or a pat on the back is always a nice bonus.
- Praise us if we do okay. Sometimes it seems like nothing we do is enough.
- Skip the lectures, please. Most of us know we've made a mistake long before you talk to us about it anyway.
- When we need help, give it to us—okay? We don't need to be told that we really blew it this time, that you never would have made that sort of mistake, or that our siblings would never have done it. We need help in finding a way out of the mess, not a lecture that we're in trouble. We already know that part.
- Let us know that you'll love us even if we don't live up to your expectations.
- If we have a major problem, help us solve it, don't solve it for us, or we will never learn how to function as adults.
- Let us form our own opinions about some things. Chances are they'll be a lot like yours if you've brought us up right.
- If we've got a collective problem, hear us out first before assuming you're right and we are wrong.
- Give us a chance to disagree with you without telling us that we're "talking back." We need to develop that part of our communication system too.
- Never stop talking to us. You are the only ones we can count on for reassurance and love.

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Willie J. Williams Parent Involvement Day!

