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Tips for Parents

Studies show that parents who are active in their child's learning have long-term positive effects on student performance. Parents who are involved throughout the academic year are better able to offer help during testing. The home environment plays an important role in a child's academic progress. The home environment must contribute to the learning process and offer opportunities for positive feedback. Below are some tips to assist parents with preparing their children for better academic performance.

- ✓ Read with and in front of your child.
- ✓ Provide a variety of books and magazines to expand your child's vocabulary.
- ✓ Maintain open communication with your child's teacher to monitor his/her progress.
- ✓ Reinforce school and classroom rules at home, check homework, and know what is expected of your child.
- ✓ Encourage your child to participate in classroom activities and to work to his/her potential at all times.
- ✓ Make sure your child gets adequate sleep and eats a nutritious meal before taking a test.
- ✓ Check with your child's teacher regarding effective testing strategies to help performance on tests.
- ✓ Emphasize to your child that "cramming" is not a good study habit. Success on standardized tests cannot be accomplished overnight; studying is a continuous process that must be nurtured and developed over time.