# Back to School

## Talking with Your Child About School

Sometimes it's hard to find out what your child is learning about in school. Try not to ask questions that can be answered with yes or no. Try some of the following:

What was the most interesting thing you did today?
Who did you sit with at lunch?
What are you reading in school?
What is something you did really well today?
What are you hoping to learn this year?
What did you do at recess?
What kinds of things are you learning in . . .?
What happened on the bus today?
What would you like to learn more about? Why?
What's the hardest thing about school?

## Homework Help Online

**The Beehive**

(http://www.thebeehive.org/school/k-12-students/homework-help) Homework support is provided across the curriculum for students in grades K-12.

**Fact Monster Homework Center**

(http://factmonster.com/homework/): Offers a user friendly homework help site designed for children 14 and under. Geography, history, language arts, math, science, and social studies support is provided.

## Time Saving Tips

Sometimes it seems as though there aren't enough minutes in the day to get everything done. However, if you have to skip something today, make sure it is not spending quality time with your child.

**Stop, Look, and Listen:** When your child gets home from school, or you get home from work, make sure that talking to your child about his day is a priority.

**Start a Display:** Hang your child's work proudly somewhere in the house. This display shows you appreciate your child's accomplishments. School is a child's work. Everyone enjoys feeling that people appreciate their work!

## Books for Early Elementary

Chrysanthemum, by Kevin Henkes
There's a Zoo in Room 22, by Judy Sierra
A Fine, Fine School, by Sharon Creech
Ramona the Pest, by Beverly Cleary
Wemberly Worried, by Kevin Henkes
Miss Nelson is Missing, by James Marshall

## Books for Upper Elementary

Harriet the Spy, by Louise Fitzhugh
Wayside School is Falling Down, by Louis Sachar
Moxy Maxwell Does Not Love Stuart Little, by Peggy Gifford
Frindle, by Andrew Clements

***"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere." ~Chinese Proverb***

## More Ways You Can Help

**Ways to Help at School**

* Be a room parent
* Help in the library
* Be a field trip chaperone
* Join the PTA / PTO
* Attend school board meetings
* Provide tutoring
* Get to know the teacher
* Put up a bulletin board
* Read to or with students
* Ask how you can help

**Ways to Help from Home**

* Talk with your child about school daily
* Be excited about learning
* Contact your child's teacher if he is having a problem
* Support school rules and routines
* Make sure your child gets enough sleep
* Provide breakfast every day
* Get your child to school on time
* Make sure that your child doesn't miss school other than for emergencies or illness

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