

Parents DO Make the Difference

"The evidence is beyond dispute: parent's involvement improves student achievement."
(Anne Henderson, *The Evidence Continues to Grow*)

Although there is no denying that parents who can volunteer at school and attend programs and field trips are an extremely valuable asset; parents with limited time or no time during the day can still be actively involved in their child's education. Parent's involvement with school must also take the form of parent-as-tutor, parent-as-cheerleader, and parent-as-role model.

Parents-as-tutors not only help their children with homework, they take advantage of learning opportunities as they rise. They welcome questions about how things work, how other people live, why things matter, and what happened long ago.

Parents-as-cheerleaders encourage their children and praise their efforts as well as their accomplishments. Children must learn that effort and ability are equally important.

Parents-as-role models realize that the saying, "Do as I say, not as I do," just does not work. They show their children daily what is important to learning and living by their own good example. If school and learning are important to parents, children will see them as important too.

Twelve Tips:

- 😊 Praise and encourage your child
- 😊 Make sure your child has a regular bedtime
- 😊 Have your child eat a good breakfast
- 😊 Be sure your child attends school regularly
- 😊 Set aside time to read with your child daily
- 😊 Limit TV viewing, especially on school days and discuss what your child watches with him.
- 😊 Talk with your child about the day's events, especially what happened at school
- 😊 Review the schoolwork that your child brings home
- 😊 Monitor to see that homework is completed daily
- 😊 Be sure your child has a quiet well lit place to study
- 😊 Be as actively involved in your child's school as your schedule allows
- 😊 Help your child learn responsibility by helping her recognize how her own efforts and actions contribute to the outcome of school, work, or other projects

Thank you for your involvement,

Miss Becky