

6 EASY WAYS

YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S GROWTH AT HOME

Helping your students excel academically doesn't only have to include workbooks and required homework! Try some of these tips and tricks to help your child excel with real-life essentials.

READ ALOUD, READ ALOUD, READ ALOUD

NEVER stop reading with your children! When you are reading to them or listening to them read to you, be sure to stop along the way and chat about what you're reading. Ask "Who, What, Where, When and Why" questions. Also ask them what they think about a character's actions, discuss cultural implications in the book, and encourage them to consider different points of view and perspectives in the book. As they grow older finding relevant reading can be harder, try the newspaper, or magazines, or cookbooks. This promotes positive relationship building and ensures your student is comprehending what they read.

KIDS SHOULD BE READING (NON SCHOOL TEXTS) A MINIMUM OF 30 MIN EVERYNIGHT.

Chaos Coordination

If you're heading to a movie, the airport or anywhere else that requires you to arrive at a certain time.

Involve your child in figuring out when you need to leave.

ELAPSED TIME IS A TRICKY SKILL, INCLUDING YOUR CHILD IN THESE DISCUSSIONS GIVES THEM REAL LIFE EXPERIENCE

GET COOKING!

It sounds so simple but cooking with kids provides many opportunities for enrichment. From reading recipes, navigating websites to find recipes, to doubling or halving recipes, following directions and enjoying their hard work!

ENSURE THERE IS ALWAYS AN ADULT PRESENT WHEN USING KITCHEN APPLIANCES

FIND YOUR WAY

When you are driving to nearby, frequented destinations, point out street signs and how they are arranged to show parallel (||) and perpendicular (T) streets. Point out landmarks and help create directional awareness.

BE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS THEIR FULL ADDRESS, INCLUDING THE ZIP CODE.

KEEP THE CHANGE

Whenever possible, let children pay cash for small transactions. When they receive their change, have them compare the amount the cashier gave them to the expected change amount on the receipt. **Let them count the change they are given, then make sure the number matches the number on the receipt.**

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN CAN ACCURATELY DETERMINE HOW MUCH MONEY THEY HAVE.

MUSIC MAKERS

Books aren't your only tool for helping students work on their reading comprehension. When you're listening to music in the car, **discuss specific song lyrics with your children.** You can talk about how songs can show cause and effect relationships, rhyming schemes, examples of similes and metaphors, cultural relevance, as well as be responding to current events and the world

If your student loves a particular song, pick a specific verse and have them dissect the meaning of the lyrics. Discuss with them why this song has meaning to them.