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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year.

Conversations about school

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture yourself volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help, but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversations starters that will help you stay involved.

Let's see what you brought home.

Look at completed work to find out what your child is learning and how well he/she is doing. You could comment on his/her math work or social studies project, for instance. Also, respond to notes from her teacher, and sign her weekly folder or daily planner if required.

Show me what you have for homework.

It's your child's job to do his/her homework, but you play a role too. Make sure he/she knows what she's supposed to do by having her explain the assignments to you. After he/she finishes their homework, glance over the work to see that it's complete.

Tell me what you learned that you'd like to know more about.

Use her interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If he/she likes math, you might hunt for multiplication facts together.

Have an awesome school year!

More Important News

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