

Elementary English

Monday, September 20, 2021

Being your child's 'study buddy' is just as important as ever

Parents everywhere acted as study buddies for their children last year. This is a vital role to keep playing, even when pandemic conditions improve. Listen as your child reads aloud, and make sure he understands assignment instructions. Help him organize information for a report or use flash cards to study for a test. And whenever possible, notice and praise his efforts and progress.

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

Give your child an encouraging signal to keep on trying

Your child has been working to master a new skill, but her work shows that she still doesn't understand it. Your words can motivate her...or cause her to give up. Replace "You're still not getting it," with "You haven't quite mastered this yet." The word "yet" sends a signal that your child can get the answer if she just keeps trying. Children are more likely to keep working when they believe they can succeed.

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Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Can you collect all the letters on an alphabet hike?

Turn an ordinary walk into an alphabet hike and have some learning fun! Have your child write the alphabet on a piece of paper. Then grab a grocery bag and set out together to find one item that starts with each letter. Pull up a Dandelion, pick up a Penny, dig for a Worm. When you get home, ask your child to arrange the items in alphabetical order.

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Thursday, September 23, 2021

Encourage creative writing, one sentence at a time

A little daily writing practice helps your child build skills. To make it fun, give her a special notebook and ask her to write down the first sentence of a made-up story. Then each day, have her add one sentence, and only one, to move the story along. It's helpful to set aside a regular time for this writing. Once a week, have her add an illustration. In time, your child will have written an imaginative and fun story.

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Friday, September 24, 2021

Let your child know that science and math are for everyone

Research suggests that children's attitudes toward math and science tend to be set in elementary school, and their parents' attitudes play a part in this. Support success in these subjects by expressing confidence in your child's abilities to master them. Point to diverse role models, and let your child know that math and science are for everyone, not just one kind of person.

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Saturday, September 25, 2021

Write a note instead of yelling

You've told your child over and over to clean up his room. But dirty clothes and toys still cover the floor. Instead of losing your cool, try leaving a note. You might write: "This room needs to be tidied. Please put your clothes in the hamper. Put the toys on the shelf. Return dirty dishes to the kitchen. Thanks in advance." Kids love getting notes, and your child will have a checklist to follow.

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Sunday, September 26, 2021

Turn family activities into bedtime stories

Have you run out of bedtime story ideas? Try giving your characters names that rhyme with family members' names. Then have the characters relive family events or look forward to the next day's activities. This is also a good way to reinforce good behavior: If your family is going on an outing the next day, the characters could make their parents happy by getting ready on time without fighting.

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