

Elementary English

Monday, September 6, 2021

Offer reassurance to calm back-to-school nerves

Your child may be nervous about changes to school this year, and how he will handle them. Reassure him that he is up to the challenge of the new work. Tell him that as long as he is learning and doing his best, you will be satisfied. Remind him that if he's confused, he can ask questions and get help. If possible, encourage friendships by helping your child find an extracurricular activity where he can meet other kids who share his interests.

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Nothing beats the power of reading aloud

What's one simple thing you can do to help your child do better in school? Read aloud every day. To make the most of read-aloud time, make it a priority. Plan for it, set aside time for it, and then just do it. Read books you and your child both enjoy. It's also fine to read some books that are a little too hard for your child to read alone. These books are great to introduce new vocabulary.

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Wednesday, September 8, 2021

Set up a convenient system for organizing school information

When school starts, information comes from all directions: newsletters, special notices, schedules, etc. To be able to find it when you need it: Get a three-ring binder. Put the name of each of your kids on a divider. Then put each paper behind the appropriate divider as it comes in. You can also put tabs on items for quick reference. Or set up a folder on your computer with a subfolder for each child.

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Thursday, September 9, 2021

Model the ways people show community responsibility

Members of a democratic society have many rights...and many responsibilities. To raise your child to fulfill these responsibilities, set an example. Attend a meeting of the PTA or school board together. Take part in community service projects as a family. Expect your child to help out at home. Help her see that when everyone contributes, everyone benefits.

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Friday, September 10, 2021

Estimate the tasty way with popcorn

Popcorn is a delicious tool to use to build an important math skill: estimating. Here's how: Have your child estimate how many kernels of popped popcorn it will take to fill a glass. Then get popping and have him count to check his answer. Next, knowing that, how many popped kernels does he think it

will take to fill a small bowl? Fill the bowl and have him count the kernels as he eats. How close was he?

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Saturday, September 11, 2021

Discuss polite ways to avoid being a pushover

It warms an adult's heart to see a child being kind and considerate. But a child who always lets others go first or have their way needs to be told that her feelings matter, too. Don't confuse your child by saying, "You're too nice" or "Why are you always giving in?" Instead, listen carefully as she tells you about a situation. Then brainstorm what she could have done or said to politely convey her feelings, opinions, wants and needs.

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Sunday, September 12, 2021

When you volunteer to help the school, amazing things happen

"Volunteers work for free, but not for nothing," say parents who have given time to help the school. When you get involved, you'll not only learn what's going on, you'll develop your own skills. And you'll have more things to talk about with your child. What's more, it won't take long to see that your efforts make a difference not only for your child, but also for lots of other students.

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