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Parents can instill a positive attitude about math and science

Take a look at any list of high-paying jobs and you are likely to see they have one thing in common: They require a knowledge of math and science. Researchers took a look at how parents influence their children's views on math and science. The study found that, in general, parents are more likely to encourage boys to take an interest in math and science. This tends to start as far back as elementary school, when students' attitudes toward math and science seem to be set. As a result, girls tend to lose interest in these subjects by high school. So what can parents do to make sure their sons and daughters stay interested in math and science?

Here are some suggestions:


- **Play games that encourage math and science.** If you're in the car, see who can add the numbers on the license plate in front of you. If you're at the store, see if your child can calculate the change, have them practice rounding the prices to the nearest dollar, or even estimate the total cost of your purchase.
- **Help your child see themselves** as someone who is good in math and science. Teach them that brains, like muscles, get stronger with practice. Also, remind them that "smart is something you get, not something you are."



Tips to help your child master reading assignments

Some kids rush through the reading assigned for homework and think, "That's it. Finished!" Reading the chapters the teacher assigns is essential. But homework doesn't end there. To truly learn from the text, your child must study as they read. Strong study skills will also help them prepare better for tests. So show your child how to:

- **Skim chapters** to find important themes and key points. They should first look at headings and subheadings. Then they can take note of boldface and italicized words. Material in the margins is important, too.
- **Pat attention** to illustrations, graphs, tables, and charts. These can clarify important concepts.
- **Take notes** in their notebook as they read. Or, if allowed, your child can highlight key passages right in the book or on the handout.
- **Write a short summary** of the material in their own words. They can also tell you about what he or she read.



"NO TWO
SNOWFLAKES
ARE ALIKE."
- WILSON BENTLEY



Be S.M.A.R.T.
Be Brave. Be Kind. Be You!

1/10 - 1/11: Remote learning

1/12: Return to in-person learning

1/17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day--No School

Upcoming PBIS Event

New Year, New Me: Gym Session

Students can be a part of open gym with snacks by cashing in their blue tickets.

Courage

Courage is the character trait for the month of January. Students will be reading the book "Malala's Magic Pencil" by Malala Yousafzai in class.

Courage involves making good choices in the face of fear or obstacles. It's another term for bravery. Children can learn how to be courageous when you help them through their fears. Pay attention to signs that your child is afraid or nervous in a situation. Offer both emotional support and information that can help them work through their fear. For example, "That thunder made you jump. Thunder is the sound that lightning makes. It's loud, but it won't hurt you. Let's listen to it together."

Remember: Courage doesn't mean fearlessness. It means we do not let fear hold us back from exploring new opportunities, developing our skills, and doing what is right.