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School 52's Newsletter for Parents

Be Smart, Be Brave, Be Kind, Be YOU!



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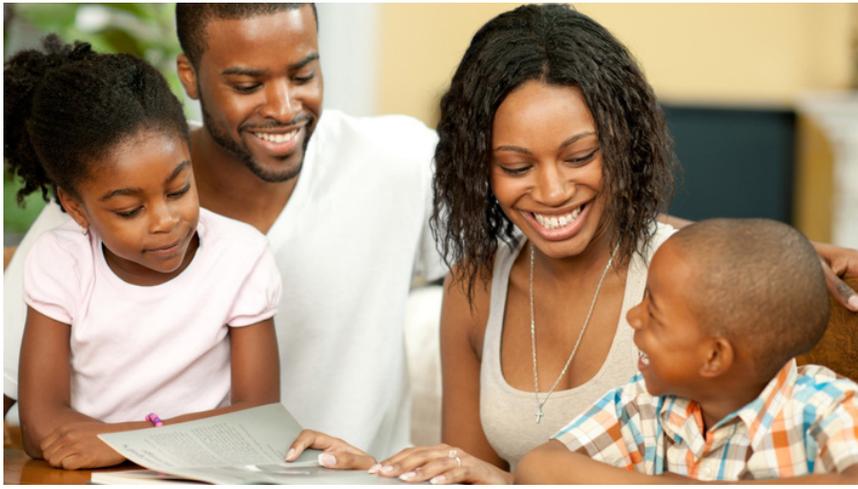
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Ask questions to strengthen your child's comprehension

Much of your child's school success will depend on reading comprehension. Comprehension is much more than being able to read the words. It also means understanding the meaning of those words. To strengthen your child's reading comprehension, encourage him or her to:

- **Summarize.** Talk with your child about the material. Ask them to recall facts (such as characters, setting and plot), but also ask questions that require deeper thinking: What problems did the characters face? How does the story progress from beginning to end? Why did things turn out the way they did?
- **Make connections.** Ask your child what he or she has already learned or experienced that relates to the story. Is the story like or unlike others they've read? If the story is about a mouse, for example, what does he or she know about mice that matches or doesn't match the information in the story?
- **Apply knowledge.** Ask your child to explain the message or moral of the story. Did the author have a clear opinion? If so, what was it? Does your child agree? How can your child apply what he or she reads to everyday life?
- **Solve problems.** Ask your child how the characters were affected by one another's actions. Can he or she imagine things from different viewpoints? If your child took a character's place, would they make the same decision the character made? How might their choices change the story?



Six strategies can keep your child motivated

You don't just want your child to learn. You want your child to want to learn! Motivation is part of being a successful student. Here are six strategies that can motivate your child to do his best:

- **Stay involved.** When parents are involved in education, kids do better in school. Make sure you monitor study time and communicate with the teacher regularly.
- **Have a positive attitude.** Let your child know you believe they can succeed in school. And if he or she struggles, work with the teacher to find solutions.
- **Promote independence.** Give your child age-appropriate freedoms. Let them choose between two places to study, or whether to do homework before or after dinner, for example.
- **Correct mistakes** in a positive way. Don't say, "You seem to struggle with spelling." Try, "You spelled everything right except these two words! I bet you can learn them with practice."
- **Give specific compliments.** Don't say, "I like your handwriting." It's better to say, "Your report is written so neatly. I can tell that you really took your time."
- **Add more to learning.** Let school lessons spark your imagination. Visit some age-appropriate, educational websites with your child. Take a trip to the state capital, do a science experiment or figure out a waiter's tip together.

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Parent Reminder

All K-8 Students should be engaged in SuccessMaker Reading for at least 20 minutes a day, 3 days per week. Please click here for link.

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