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# Simple things you can do to help your child learn at home:

## • Let your child know you believe in him or her

Tell your child often that you believe in him or her. Let your child hear starting at a very young age that you believe in his or her ability to do well. Use kind words as motivation and encouragement.

## • Talk, sing, and read with your child

Talk, sing, and read together, as often as you can!

## Involve your extended family

Ask all the people who care about your child – aunts, uncles, grandparents, cousins, godparents, babysitters, neighbors, and friends – to encourage your child to do well in school.

## • Limit your child's TV watching and social media / gaming

Try to control how much TV your child watches. This includes when your child is with you, with a babysitter, or home alone. Children need to hear and talk to adults in order to build their language skills. Energy used on social media and video gaming can become obsessive if not monitored, leaving little energy or desire for school and homework.

## • Have a positive attitude toward school and learning

Take an interest in how your child is doing at school so he or she will believe that learning is important.

## Make sure your child does homework

Look over your child's homework each night. Ask your child to explain what he or she is learning. Make sure that assignments are completed. If possible, find a quiet place for your child to study, and set aside time each evening for homework.

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