

26 Tips for Working With Your Child's Teacher

Here are some tips that will help you work with teachers. All of them will help you to be a partner in your child's education.

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| A | Be alert to signs that your child needs help. | N | Notice the good things your child does – at home and at school. |
| B | Build a bridge from home to school. | O | Open your mind to new ideas. |
| C | Communicate with your child and his teacher. | P | Prepare your child for school by teaching him at home. |
| D | Discuss everything. | Q | Ask questions . Speak up if you don't understand something. |
| E | Ask the teacher to explain things clearly. | R | Read school notes. If you have trouble reading them, ask for help. |
| F | Follow up after meetings or phone calls. | S | Search for new ways to help your child learn at home. |
| G | Go to open houses or parent programs at school. | T | Use the telephone to communicate with your child's teacher. |
| H | Help your child at home. | U | Understand your child's needs. |
| I | Be involved and interested in your child's school. | V | Stay visible so people at school will get to know you. |
| J | Join with other parents and share ideas. | W | Don't wait for your child to have a problem in school before you talk to her teacher. |
| K | Know your rights as a parent. | X | Get eXcited when your child shows success. |
| L | Write a thank-you letter to a helpful teacher. | Y | Remember, you are your child's teacher, too. |
| M | Meet the teacher face to face. | Z | Don't just zip in and out of school. |

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