

10 Quick At Home Tips for Parents of Struggling Students

1. Take time to talk. Each day talk with your child about the experiences of his day at school. Ask questions that will encourage conversation with your child, rather than a simple yes/no answer. You may ask “why” and “how” questions. Also, you may say to your child, “Tell me about....” which allows for more conversation.
2. Read daily with your child. Set time aside each day to listen to your child read or read a book with your child. If you are listening to your child read, be encouraging and patient if he is struggling. We don’t want the child to become too frustrated and give up on reading. If you are reading a book to your child, pause throughout the book asking questions (such as Who are the characters in the story?, Where did the story take place? What happened to the characters?, When did the story take place?, etc...) as this will help your child’s comprehension of the book.
3. Talk with your child about the meaning of new words he/she has learned in school and/or he/she has read in books.
4. Designate a place to keep all information and communications from school. You may decide store these in a basket, box or create a filing system.
5. Talk with your child about the importance of going to school daily, being prepared for school each day and achieving his/her best each and every day.
6. Review and discuss with your child all completed assignments sent home from school showing his/her academic performance.
7. Closely monitor how much television your child is watching and how much time is spent playing video games daily and replace some of this time with talking with your child.
8. Review weekly/daily agendas and/or assignments sent home with your child. Take time to help your child complete his/her homework daily.
9. Make sure to let your child know how proud you are of him/her and that you will be there to help them succeed in school.
10. Make sure your child gets a good night rest before school the next morning.

15 Quick At School Tips for Parents of Struggling Students

1. Establish a good relationship with your child’s teachers with open lines of communication
2. Schedule parent/teacher conferences with your child’s teachers to discuss his/her performance in the classroom as you as you become concerned about your child.
3. Ask what your child is expected to learn in a year?
4. Ask your child’s teacher to explain the RTI process in the school.
5. Ask how many tiers are included in the school’s RTI Process (usually 3 tiers).
6. Ask who will be providing the interventions.
7. Ask how often your child will be checked for progress on interventions used.
8. Ask where the interventions will be provided.
9. Ask how long and how often your child will receive the interventions.
10. Ask your child’s teacher and/or Intervention Team to provide strategies and/or suggestions you can use at home to help your child
11. Keep a log of how your child performs on the strategies/suggestions provided in order to share those results at the Intervention Team meetings.
12. Attend every Intervention Team meeting.
13. Request a copy of the RTI Intervention Plan developed for your child.
14. Request a copy of your child’s progress on the interventions used.
15. Volunteer in your child’s classroom, if it is only one time per grading period.



Remember: When parents and school staff work together in partnership as a united team, children are more likely to feel confident and self assured.