

# Parent-Child Relationship

Patterns of family life support a child's ability to do well in school. Talking together often about your hopes and dreams for your child's future and what it will take to reach those goals is one of the most important things you can do!

## Have daily conversations about everyday events

- Spend a few minutes daily with each child, talking and listening
- Talk with your child about strengths and interests, both in school subjects and outside school

## Show affection to your child in many ways, from hugs to praise for effort to special time together

## Encourage each other to try new words

- Make a family game out of looking up new words (in any language):
  - Who can find the most new words in something you are reading together?
  - Who can guess the correct meaning of a new word before you look it up in a dictionary?

## Go with your children to places where learning is a family activity (zoos, libraries, museums, etc.)

- Ask school staff or other parents for ideas of free or low-cost places your family could visit together

## Have family discussions of books, TV programs, web content, games, and other interests

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