

How can you help your child achieve success?

Get involved!

- Get to know your child's teachers – don't feel you need to wait for a parent teacher conference. Find out ways that you can regularly speak or correspond with them.
- Participate in school activities – volunteer when you have the time.

Make time at home really count!

- Help your child be ready to learn by making sure he/she gets 8-10 hours of sleep each night and has a good, nutritious breakfast before coming to school.
- Create a regular, fun, comfortable place to study at home at the same time every day.
- Show your pride by hanging up his/her artwork or displaying other fun things that he/she has created.

Make sure your child reads as much as possible.

Reading at home helps children do better in school. Find books and special programs for families at your regional or neighborhood library. Go to www.statelibrary.state.pa.us to learn about Pennsylvania's POWER Library Initiative or to find a library near you.

Engage your child in mathematics.

Practice math drills, games and puzzles that challenge your child's ability to think logically and solve real world math problems. Critical thinking is essential for problem-solving in every-day situations, and mathematics provides the needed skills to achieve success.

Remember to make connections!

Success in school involves more than just reading and mathematics. Children can master these other skills by engaging in enriching activities outside the classroom. Practicing music, for example, can build skills that will be valuable throughout school and life. Remember that taking trips to a museum, a show or a concert is a positive way to strengthen your child's overall education.

What should your child know and be able to do?

Every school year you can learn about what your child should know and be able to do in each specific content area. You can follow the grade level expectation for each content area and see samples of the type of work students should be producing. Follow this link to find this information: <http://pdesas.org/>

