

Region 5 Parent and Family Engagement Newsletter

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Getting Started at the Local Library

The library is a public service for the community. Visitors can borrow books and other items free from the library. Many libraries also have computers for public use.

The librarian can help you find materials and answer questions.

Homework Help

- Reference Materials
- Internet Help
- Computers
- Tutorials

Classes for Adults

- ESL Classes
- Tax Help
- Parenting Classes
- Computer Classes

* Check with your local library for more information.

Title III, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), as reauthorized under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), aims to ensure that English learners (ELs) and immigrant students attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement in English. Title III will also assist all English learners meet the same challenging State academic standards that all children are expected to meet.

VISITING THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Helping your children to enjoy reading is one of the most important things you can do as a parent and is well worth the investment of your time and energy. Kids will learn reading skills in school, but often they come to associate reading with work, not pleasure. As a result, they lose their desire to read. In addition, it is that desire — the curiosity and interest — that is the cornerstone of learning how to use reading skills successfully.

It is important to remember that you can give your children this kind of experience even if you do not have many books in your home. Your local public library has an abundance of books, plus many other valuable resources.

Your library is one of the most important resources in your community, and anyone can use it. You and your family will find books, videos, music, newspapers, computers, and much more for kids and adults — for free! Many libraries are offering materials in different languages.

What You Can Do at Home

As a parent, there are many ways that you can help your child succeed every single day! Helping your child get to school on time, get enough sleep at night, and be able to find homework all will make a difference in your child's day.

Ways to Help Your Child Succeed at School:



- **Develop a partnership with your child's teachers and school staff**
 - Meet your child's teacher.
 - Get to know who's who at your child's school.
 - Attend parent-teacher conferences and keep in touch with your child's teacher.
- **Support your child academically**
 - Find out how your child is doing.
 - Apply for special services if you think your child may need it.
 - Make sure that your child gets homework done.
 - Find homework help for your child if needed.
 - Help your child prepare for tests.
- **Get involved with your child's school**
 - Learn what the school offers.
 - Volunteer at your child's school and/or join your school's parent-teacher group.
- **Get informed and be an advocate for your child**
 - Ask questions.
 - Learn about your rights.
 - Let the school know your concerns.
- **Support your child's learning at home**
 - Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children.
 - Monitor your child's television, video game, and Internet use.
 - Encourage your child to read.
 - Encourage your child to use the library.
 - Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently.

Resource: colorincolorado.org

What we say and do in our daily lives can help our children to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school.

Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school and in life. Reading helps children in all school subjects. More important, it is the key to lifelong learning.

Teachers appreciate it when parents help out at the school! There are many ways you can contribute. At most schools, a group of parents meets regularly to talk about the school. This group is usually called the PTA or PTO. The meetings give you a good chance to talk with other parents and to work together to improve the school.