

# Top Ten Ways to be Successful

## in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

### ★ 1. Read together daily!!

Children who read at home with their parents perform better in school. Please ask to read your child's library book with him.

### ★ 2. Establish a routine for homework.

Set aside a regular, quiet time and place for your child to work.

### ★ 3. Work with your child.

Be supportive of your child. Help him with spelling words, math facts, and preparing for upcoming tests. Parental guidance is encouraged when children bring home a homework assignment. However, a parent doing the assignment for the child is not acceptable and in the end will only hurt the child. Assignments are to be done in the student's handwriting.

### ★ 4. Look over your child's papers often.

A "mail folder" will be sent home on the first day of each week. Inside, you will find the graded papers from the previous week and a sheet for you to sign and write comments if you wish. Please look over your child's work and sign the sheet to let me know that you have seen your child's work. Please return the folder the following day. Showing interest in what your child has done makes the child want to work harder to succeed.

### ★ 5. Encourage good school attendance.

Good attendance plays a key role in your child's success in school both academically and socially. In the event that your child should be absent for any reason, please try to make arrangements to pick up his/her homework for that day or have it sent home with a sibling or another student from which you may pick it up.

### ★ 6. Be involved with your child's school.

Parents who are involved with the school have students who are more successful in school. Being involved in PTO, volunteering for classroom parties, and attending parent-teacher conferences are just a few ways to be involved with your child's school.

### ★ 7. Promote healthy habits.

Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and exercise and eats balanced. Schedule regular doctor and dentist check-ups. Also, remember that eating breakfast is VERY important on school days.

### ★ 8. Show that you care.

Give your child hugs and words of support. Focus on what your child does well. Ask him/her about their school day on a daily basis.

### ★ 9. Teach your child to be responsible.

Make your child responsible for their education, such as putting their own homework folder and books back in their backpack after finishing homework for the evening.

### ★ 10. Have fun with your child!!! Let's make it a great year!