

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Participating in your child's education at home, at school, and in the community



Dictator
Over-involved



Doormat
Under-involved



Active Parent
Supports, but
does not take over

7 SMART THINGS Active Parents Do to Help Their Child Succeed in School

#1 Show up and show support.

"50% of success is just showing up."

#2 Get to know your child's teachers and encourage them.

Everyone needs encouragement... even teachers!

#3 Make learning a family priority.

It's not just school that's important. Learning itself is important.

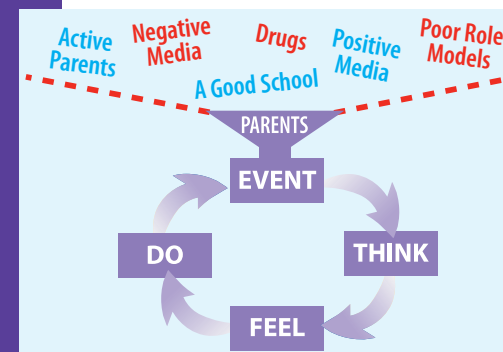
#4 Structure homework time.

- Help your child create a regular work area.
- Agree on a regular study time.
- Develop a homework "to-do" list.
- Make sure the house is quiet and that everybody is learning.

#5 Read and talk with your child.

- Go beyond reading aloud to your child by...
- Reviewing what you read last time
 - Asking questions to encourage thinking and build vocabulary
 - Predicting together what will happen next
 - Making encouraging comments

#6 Filter your child's media.



#7 Support the school's discipline plan.

Tips for an effective **Family Talk**:

- Plan your intro and key points.
- Ask open-ended questions.
- Avoid communication blocks.
- Share your values persuasively.
- Find support materials.

Supplement this video with the *Active Parenting (4th Edition) Parent's Guide* and *Parent's Workbook* for in-depth explanation of Active Parenting skills and guided practice to help you put them into action.