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10 Things Schools/Teachers Wish Parents Would Do

1. Establish a daily family routine, including healthy eating and sleeping habits.
2. Build their child's self-esteem by expressing interest in the child's schoolwork and affirming the child's worth through positive messages.
3. Communicate openly with the school and contact the school when they are aware of issues concerning their child's school success.
4. Set high and realistic standards for their child.
5. Check on homework regularly and ask questions about their child's work.
6. Read or talk with their child. Connect everyday experiences to what is being learned in school.
7. Express high but realistic expectations for their child.
8. Use community learning opportunities. Expose their child to the library, museums, the theater, concerts, etc. Encourage their child to join clubs, scouts, after-school sports or fine arts, and other community programs.
9. Monitor out-of-school activities and set expectations for appropriate behavior.
10. Model learning at home by playing games, reading newspapers or magazines, and discussing current events.