

Colquitt County Schools Federal Programs Family Engagement Newsletter



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Success!

Every parent wants to see their child succeed. Do you wonder what you can do to positively impact your child's development? Below are some ideas to consider.

Physical activity

You thought recess was just for fun? Children have loads of energy and need to burn it off. Whether it's organized sports or just playing in the yard, children need physical activity to stimulate their senses. A study by the University of Illinois concluded that fit children perform better academically. They also have higher levels of self-esteem and confidence. Get out there and play with your kids!

Music

Research from the University of Toronto showed that children who studied music have higher IQ's as adults. Music feeds the soul and brightens imaginations. Music is a tremendous vehicle to open up your child's mind to many new wonders.

Real-life experience

Make sure your children get out and see the world around them. Take them to the park. Take them to the mountains. The zoo. The beach. Take them on a simple walk. Every single place your child goes is a learning experience. Open your eyes and you'll find it is for you as well.

All Colquitt County Schools are
Title I Schools!

You and Your Child's Teacher

There are many things you can do to ease the transition into a new school year. If your kids are like mine, they already have the scoop on their new teachers. Mrs. So-and-so is strict; Mr. So-and-so is really hard; Mrs. So-and-so lets you get away with anything.

Not every teacher will be perfect for your child. And sometimes it's easy for parents to get caught up in our children's negative or even hostile feelings toward their teachers. But as caring, involved parents, we can do a lot to ease the tension and

help our kids do their best with their teachers. I have five positive ideas to share with you.

First, get to know the teacher. Establish a friendly relationship early, so your first meeting isn't over a problem

Second, keep your child's teacher up-to-date on problems at home. She'll be better prepared if she knows about the illness, divorce or death in the family.

Third, be quick to give praise. If the teacher handled a certain project with certain

creativity, and it really paid off with your child, send her a note to say "thanks." One compliment will go a long way

Fourth, deal with problems early. If your son or daughter is confused in some subject, notify the teacher and ask how you can help before it becomes a serious problem.

Fifth, don't jump to conclusions. Sometimes children come home and tell you only the most sensational incidents - which may have already been through two or three stages of gossip. Do your best to stay calm and work out the problem in a constructive manner.

Parent Involvement Policy and School-Parent Compact

Each school is required to ask for input from parents regarding the development of a parent involvement policy and a school-parent compact.

The parent involvement policy explains how the school plans to work with parents to review and improve parent programs and describes how parents can participate in planning these programs.

The school-parent compact outlines how parents, the entire school staff, and students will share the responsibility for improved student academic achievement and the way in which the school and parents will build and develop a partnership to help children achieve the State's high standards.

National Grandparents Day September 11, 2016



HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY



Contact your child's school for more information on Title I and parent involvement opportunities at school.

