

For Parents of Early Learners

Class Website or Newsletter: Include Section for 'Home Education' with Four Areas

➤ **Academic**

Each week focus on one specific readiness skill for parents to reinforce (providing specific examples, strategies, resources, websites)

➤ **Study Skills**

Each month, select one-two of the 12 basic skills listed below. Suggest specific things which parents can do at home to teach and reinforce the basic skill of the month.

T - O - P

Teacher - Others - Performance

Teacher: Interactions with the Teacher

1. Following directions (involves sequencing and requires paying attention)
2. Paying attention
3. Reading the teacher
4. Respecting and obeying authority

Others: Interactions with Others

1. Cooperating and working with others
2. Listening to others
3. Taking turns
4. Sharing (ideas, materials)

Performance: Quality of Performance

1. Working independently
2. Sticking to a task until it is finished
3. Following routines and schedules
4. Self-Regulation: Asking for help, checking own work (for quality or performance for accuracy)

➤ **Spiritual Growth**

Each week suggest a specific way parents can follow Deuteronomy 6:7

“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and **when thou walkest by the way**, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.”

Examples:

1. Throughout the week, all family members will look for examples of God's power in His creation.
2. Select one verse and refer to it throughout the week.
 - “Rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.” Romans 12:15
Suggest that parents ask their child, “Who can we rejoice with? Who has God really blessed? Who is very sad? Who can we pray for?”
 - “Rejoice always.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16
“Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!”
Suggest that parents talk with their child about ways they can rejoice (prayers of thanks, songs of praise, comments made to God about how good He is).

➤ **Partnership**

Each week (or each month) suggest one specific way parents can get involved with the school (either in your class or by helping in other areas of the school).