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School to Home & Home to School Communication

Ideas and tips for effective
communication between
parents, children, and
schools.

Schools

Talk to parents and teachers about current skills that can be worked on at home. Establish a regular communication method.

Provide translators and/or home school liaisons as needed.

If there's bullying problems within your school, **do not** let this go unnoticed.

This is a serious matter and needs to be addressed as soon as possible.

Have family fun nights, book fairs, open houses, field days, etc. and invite the community to participate.

Share school information and classroom news from teachers with families and provide school websites.

Put lesson plans online so parents know what their children will be doing during the school day.

If families within in your school are going through difficulties, set up a time to discuss whether or not you can help them.

Students

Show your family what you did at school each day. Make this a habit.

Tell your parents two specific things that happened at school each day.

Make sure your "take home folder" is in your backpack before you leave the school. Take your backpack home.

Invite your parents to come eat lunch at school with you, also ask them to volunteer to chaperone when field trips are in session.

Have your parents help out with classroom parties, and school celebrations.

Let your teachers and parents know if you're being bullied.

Let your parents and your teachers know if you're having troubles with any type of homework.

Read with your parents at home; have them read to you, and read aloud to them.

Have play dates with other classmates, this way your parents can get to know other parents within the school.

Families/Parents

Establish a home routine for homework, play, and rest time that works for your family. Also, check your child's backpack every day for papers.

Make time to read aloud to your child every night, or have them read to you.

If you are having concerns or problems with a teacher, set up a time to meet to discuss the concern.

Volunteer for chaperoning field trips, helping out with class room parties, or providing materials for crafts. Also, attend concerts, open houses, family fun nights, and field days.

Show your teacher appreciation; working with twenty elementary students at once isn't easy.

Communicate with teachers about everything. Provide family background, notices, or concerns. Teachers don't always know what's going on at home so when they get filled in, they'll be able to help you and your child more.