

Working together, parents and teachers give kids their best chance to learn.



“A quality education depends on a partnership among students, teachers, and families.”

— *Barbara E. Kerr*
President
California Teachers Association

Seven steps to help your child learn:

The California Teachers Association and the California State PTA have joined together to offer some tips for helping your children learn. Here are some ways you can give your children the best opportunities to succeed in school.

1. **Just Ask.** Ask your children what they studied in class today — what they liked and what they learned. Asking questions shows that school is important.
2. **Quiet Study.** Choose a place for home study and make sure the room is quiet during that time. Creating a quiet place goes a long way toward helping your children learn.
3. **Regular Schedule.** Set up a certain time of day that is dedicated to homework. Follow up with your children to be sure their homework is complete and turned in on time.
4. **Learn Together.** If you want your children to read their assignments, give yourself an assignment, too. When it's time for them to do homework, take a break and spend a few minutes reading a book, magazine or newspaper.

5. **Learn Everywhere.** Increase your children's interest in homework by connecting school to everyday life. For instance, your children can learn fractions and measurements while you prepare favorite foods together.
6. **Meet Their Teachers.** Meet with your children's teachers to find out what they are learning and discuss their progress in school.
7. **Praise Helps.** Praise your children for successfully completing homework. Nothing encourages children more than praise from their parents.

“Increased family involvement with both students and teachers will improve the quality of student learning in California.”

— *Brenda Davis*
President
California State PTA