Secrets of Student Success: What Parents Need to Know

Here are some ways you can support your child with school.

1. Establish daily family routines for:
   - homework (time/space/supplies)
   - reading (together and independently)
   - hobbies
   - bedtime
   - household chores

2. Monitor out-of-school activities by:
   - checking in by phone
   - limiting television watching to less than 12 hours a week
   - checking on the whereabouts of your children

3. Set age-appropriate and specific expectations about:
   - school achievement
   - behavior and manners
   - work activities and ethics

4. Promote life-long learning by:
   - showing an active interest in school, education and related activities
   - recognizing and supporting child’s talents and interests
   - helping to explore career possibilities
   - reading, writing and talking together
   - expressing confidence in your child’s ability to be successful in life

These secrets require little or no money. The bottom line is this: what children need to be successful in the classroom turns out to be the very same thing that they need to be successful outside of the classroom - caring and involved adults paying close attention. There is no substitute for adult supervision and guidance.