




# Parents Matter

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Title 1: Parents,  
Teachers, and  
Students working  
together to achieve  
more!

Naumann Elementary School's Title I Parent  
Newsletter



## Attendance Matters

Think of each day as a brick in the wall of a child's learning. When a child misses a day of school, he or she has a brick missing from his or her wall—and the more bricks that are missing, the easier it is for the wall to fall down. Students who are frequently absent in elementary school have a greater risk of not making it through high school later on. Attendance matters!

## It's a New Beginning

It's a new school year! Parents can help their children get started on the right foot.

*Homework:* Have your child do homework in the same place at the same time each day.

*Bedtime:* Summer time is a great time to stay up late, but school starts early in the morning. Set a regular bedtime with your child that allows him or her to get at least 8-9 hours of sleep.

*Television and video games:* Make sure this isn't the only thing your child does after school. Regular exercise, playing with friends, sports, and other activities give your child practice working with others. That's an important skill in the workplace!



Parents  
are a  
child's  
first  
teacher.

## How Parents Can Increase Student Achievement

### Talk to Them

Ever wonder why children ask so many questions? It's the way children make sense of the world around them. It's how they learn.

Sometimes as parents, we feel that we are supposed to have all of the answers. Often we don't.

It is okay to tell your child that you don't know!

Then ask your child, "What do you think?"

Listen to what your child says. The fact that your child is able to answer the question is more important than whether or not the answer is correct.

Ask your child, "Why do you think that?"

Or, "How do you know?"

These types of questions make your child really think. These types of questions are challenging! The best part is that when parents regularly ask children these types of questions, their children will be better prepared for the rigor at school.

These are the types of questions that their teachers will be asking. These are the types of questions that they will need to be able to ask themselves when taking tests.

If your child is struggling in school, try increasing the amount of time you spend talking to your child at home.

### Questions? Comments?

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I look forward to hearing from you!