

Attitude
Attendance
Achievement

Children experience success in the classroom and beyond when parents and students think straight A's!

Attitude

When parents and family members exhibit positive attitudes toward education and stress the importance of doing well in school, children achieve at a higher level. Maintaining positive parental attitudes toward education affects how a child feels about school.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is directly related to school success. Parents must encourage children to attend school every day and to be on time. Children who maintain good school attendance records enjoy higher levels of achievement. Regular attendance ensures student success and builds positive work habits that also will be required in the workplace.

Achievement

There is a direct relationship between parental support and student achievement. Parents who embrace education possess a powerful ability to motivate and excite children to do well in school. Parents who are engaged in their child's education encourage extra effort and the pursuit of excellence. They communicate consistent messages about appropriate and acceptable behavior, setting expectations and boundaries that help children and young adults be successful.

Mission Statement

Our mission in partnership with parents and the community is to promote academic excellence and to develop responsible citizens, problem solvers and life-long learners.



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**Tomas Rivera
 Elementary School
 Title I Parent Involvement**



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As a school volunteer, you would become part of the educational team at Rivera and would greatly contribute to the success of young people in the community.

Volunteers are needed and can help by:

- Mentoring students
- Tutoring students
- Volunteer after school or Saturdays in our school garden
- Listening to children read
- Providing school supplies
- Setting up science fair and other projects
- Setting up the Rivera book fair
- Assisting in the library
- Copying materials
- Preparing or laminating teaching materials
- Recognizing outstanding students/staff
- Preparing teaching and bulletin board materials
- Making instructional materials
- Pulling resource information off the Internet
- Providing food for monthly "Outstanding Staff Luncheon"
- Speak to classes about careers or other topics
- Chaperone school-sponsored activities
- Assist school staff on Picture Day, Special Events, etc.
- Assist with class parties
- Becoming a pen pal to one or more students
- Assisting school nurses
- Assisting yearbook/memory book staff
- Providing snacks for faculty meetings and trainings

HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH HOMEWORK

- ❖ **Set a schedule, including both a beginning and an ending time. Most kids need some time to unwind after school before they tackle their homework. Doing it too close to bedtime may make it difficult due to fatigue.**
- ❖ **Encourage your child to divide the homework assignment into "What I can do myself" and "What I need help with." You should help only with that part of the homework your child cannot do independently.**
- ❖ **Consider holding off on watching TV and other fun activities until homework is completed.**
- ❖ **Provide a homework area for your child with adequate light and few distractions. Also, a dictionary, paper, pens, etc., should be readily available.**
- ❖ **Use direct praise for doing the homework and even more for accomplishment. "You've spelled 18 out of 20 words correctly--that's the best you've done this semester!"**
- ❖ **Be available when your child is doing homework, so that you can answer a question if there is confusion. If possible, it is better for you to be in another room, so you are easily accessible and yet not a distraction.**
- ❖ **Look over the homework when it is completed. Do not correct it unless you have checked with the teacher. Seeing the pattern of errors is often helpful to a teacher.**
- ❖ **Study groups are often a good strategy. Your child may benefit from studying with one or two classmates. However, make sure they are using the time to study.**
- ❖ **Allow bathroom, drink, and/or snack breaks, but insist on completion of tasks.**

What can I do at home to help my child succeed at school?

READING

- ✓ Read to or with your child daily.
- ✓ Make listening to a story a regular part of your child's routine.
- ✓ Ask your child to retell a story (beginning, middle, end).

MATH

- ✓ Ask your child questions about his or her math work such as, "Can you show me another way to solve this problem?" or "How did you solve that problem?"
- ✓ Let your child see the importance of math in all daily activities such as cooking, shopping, paying bills, etc.

SCIENCE

- ✓ Talk about school science with your child.
- ✓ Ask your child's teacher for activities that you can do at home.
- ✓ Check the internet and go to the public library for books with additional activities.
- ✓ Ask your child to explain science homework.
- ✓ Let your child make daily observations about the weather.
- ✓ Chart the amount of rain, and daily temperatures. Compare data over time.
- ✓ Take walks and talk about the plants or animals you see.
- ✓ Encourage questioning at all times.
- ✓ Visit a science museum, zoo, aquarium, recycling plant, farm or planetarium. Help your child feel the excitement of observation and discovery!

WRITING

- ✓ Keep a variety of pencils, pens and papers available for your child to use.
- ✓ Encourage your child to write letters to friends and relatives. Also encourage them to write invitations, journals, lists of things to do, and messages to friends and family members.
- ✓ If you have access to a computer, save the writing in your child's special file.