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PARENT CORNER

Conversations About School

Welcome back to our fifth year here at Voyage Academy Charter School. We hope that you had an enjoyable summer and created countless memories for your family to reflect on. As we transition back into routine, structure, and the rigors of academic learning, there are numerous things that will assist in your student's success. Parent involvement and communication rank among the highest of importance. When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in classrooms? That's one way to help—but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home."

Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well they are doing. You could comment on their math work or social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from their teacher, and sign their weekly folder or daily planner if required.

"Show me what you have for homework."

It's your child's job to do their homework, but you play a role too. Make sure they know what they are supposed to do by having them explain the assignments to you. After they are finished with their homework, glance over the work to see that it is complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today."

This gives you an idea of what your youngster prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what they would like to read tonight. Encourage their reading and listening skills by reading aloud to them and letting them read to you.

For more information visit [Resources for Educators](#)



Upcoming Events

Sept. 4

Labor Day-No School

Sept. 6

Be the Good Day

Sept. 18-22

Homecoming Week

Sept. 21

Spirit Dress Day

Sept. 21

Pep Rally: Alumni invited @ 2:30

Important Announcements:

Lunch Bunch Begins Sept. 12. 2 students from each class selected to eat lunch with counselor.



SEPT. CLASSROOM COUNSELING= MEET THE COUNSELOR

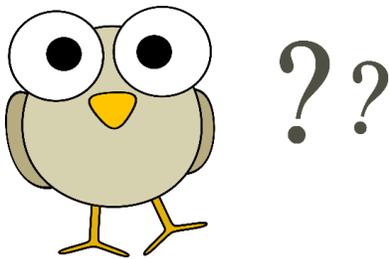
“Tell me what you learned that you’d like to know more about.”

Use their interests as jumping-off points for activities to share. If they like geometry, you might want to hunt for shapes together. If they are fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take her to the library to research the subject or to the zoo to see live animals.

After School Questions:

Instead of asking “How was School?” ask:

- “What’s the coolest thing that happened? What wasn’t so cool?”
- “Pretend you are the teacher. How would you describe the day?”
- “What made you laugh?”
- “What was the most creative thing you did?”
- “How were you kind or helpful today? Was anyone kind or helpful to you?”



Work Together for School Success!

SEPTEMBER READING

- **The Berenstain Bears Go to School**, by Stan Berenstain
- **Splat the Cat: Back to School**, Splat!, By Rob Scotton
- **Curious George's First Day of School**, By H.A. Rey
- **The Berenstain Bears and the Homework Hassle**, By Stan Berenstain

Just For Fun

Q: Can a Kangaroo jump higher than the Empire States Building?

A: Of course. The Empire States Building can't Jump.



In the Community FREE RESOURCES

- **Project Davis:** Program for parents and children to build relationships.
- **Strengthening Families Program:** Program for parents and youth to help improve family relationships.
- **Anger Management 6-12 year olds:** Healthy ways to control emotions.
- **Men and Women's Anger Management:** healthy communication and strategies to manage emotions.
- **Love and Logic:** Research Based parenting classes.

Please **contact Angie Smith** @ 801-773-7060 for more information on these free community classes. Most classes begin in September.

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8:00-3:00