

Parents make a big difference in their children's school success

The Ministry of Education recognizes that "students are more likely to be motivated, to earn higher grades, to have better behaviour and social skills, and to continue their education to a higher level when their parents are actively engaged in supporting their success at school." (<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/parents/involvement/index.html>)

People for Education, reports that high parental expectations, talking to children about school and reading with children have the greatest impact on student achievement. (*People for Education: How Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed at School*)

What can parents do?

- 1) Consistently let your children know you expect them to succeed; you believe in their potential.
- 2) Talk to your child about what's happening in the classroom. This has a great impact on his or her achievement.
- 3) Read with your children. Children are motivated to read when their parents model reading. Reading builds the literacy foundation needed to succeed.

What can teachers and administrators do?

- 1) Build trust and communication with children and parents so students can move easily between home and school.
- 2) Make parents welcome at school; invite parents to visit the classroom and to join classroom and school activities.
- 3) Talk directly to parents to create a strong feeling of connection between home and school.

The staff at Elizabeth Ziegler School are committed to optimizing your child's learning and achievement. We appreciate and acknowledge the partnership we share with parents and guardians in our school community.