



Let's Go to College: School Success

Goal: Going to school is more than just making good grades; it's also about being equipped for class with the right materials and attitude. Students can learn how to be successful with a few tips that will help them now as well as later in college.

This activity cluster will introduce students to college by exploring the concept of school success.

Activity Set One: Kindergarten – First Grade

Most students want to succeed in school, especially younger ones. This section will help students learn the importance of coming to class prepared and ready to learn. Read the passages to your students and guide them through the activities. Discuss the reason why everyone should be on their best behavior and bring their school supplies each day to class. Ask students if they have a daily routine they follow and then, if applicable, share your daily routine.

Activity Set Two: Second – Third Grade

Attending school every day, keeping a tidy desk, and getting parents involved are all great tips to help students be successful. Walk through the passages and activities with your students. Explain why school is so important and encourage them to maintain regular attendance. Students may not always understand how their parents can be involved in their school work, so provide a few examples for them as well.

Activity Set Three: Fourth – Fifth Grade

Creating goals and practicing positive homework habits will set students on the right course. As students progress in school their homework load may increase. Explain the benefits of doing homework. In this section students will also be introduced to the helpful tool of an agenda and are encouraged to talk with their parents about school. If time allows, act out the “How Was Your Day” activity in front of the class to show students how to elaborate in their conversations about school.

Review:

Learning the right habits for school can have a lasting impact on students. From being prepared for class with the right supplies to exhibiting a positive attitude about homework, when students have the correct perspective about school they will be more likely to excel. Encourage your students to remember the tips from these activities and apply them every day in class.

Parent Activity:

Practicing school success tips can happen at home, as well. Be sure your student attends school regularly. Also, help your student prepare for the next day by gathering school supplies, checking homework and ensuring that everything they need is in their backpack. Finally, reach out to your student's teacher about opportunities in which to get involved. Students will take on the attitude of their parent when it comes to school, so remain positive. Your involvement and positivity in your child's life can help them in school now and for years to come.



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