

READ! - Tips to Help

Parents

1. Read to/with your child every day for at least 15 minutes.
2. Listen to your child - triumphs, fears, and questions.
3. Talk to your child.
4. Expect school attendance.
5. Attend school conferences.
6. Participate in PTA/PTO.
7. Make sure your child comes to school each day, on time, prepared to learn, well rested and fed.
8. Talk with your child and know what he or she is doing and with whom.
9. Set a good example by helping at your child's school and in the community.
10. Set expectations – high school diploma and seek additional education or training.
11. Schedule consistent homework time.
12. Schedule summer learning activities and opportunities.
13. Integrate on-going learning into vacation times.
14. Enroll your child in out-of-school programs.
15. Have family reading/game playing times – especially word games and critical thinking skills.
16. Get a library card for your child and go to the library often.
17. Chaperone field trips.
18. Limit amount of television and video games.
19. Count out loud when walking up steps.
20. Take advantage of everyday learning opportunities for infants and toddlers.
21. When riding in the car point out letters, colors, and signs to younger children. Play the letter game.
22. Encourage your child to participate in chorus or band.
23. Cook with your child – teach measurements, following the recipe (directions).

Individuals

1. To find out how you can get involved with Ready.Set.READ! contact Darby Wiekrykas at darbyw@uwberks.org or 610-685-4574.
2. Read to children in preschools, Early Head Start and Head Start.
3. Tutor children in preschools, schools or out-of-school programs.
4. Volunteer in a school.
5. Mentor a child or youth.
6. Advocate for education funding with state and federal political representatives.
7. Sponsor a child in need in an out-of-school time program.
8. Provide career mentoring to a youth.
9. Donate books.
10. Encourage your social media network to Raise Their Hand for Education.
11. Support the United Way.
12. Sponsor a spaghetti dinner for school conference night.
13. Encourage an organization to which you belong to sponsor a child.
14. Donate outgrown clothing to your school's clothes closet.
15. Provide holiday dinner to a student and his family.
16. Involve yourself in scouting – sponsor a troop or become a leader.
17. Ask a principal what you can do to help.
18. Encourage your business contacts to Raise Their Hand for Education.
19. Encourage your community of faith to focus on education.
20. Create a book club for kids in your neighborhood or with the children of your own book club members.

Businesses

1. Provide paid time for employees to serve as tutors or mentors.
2. Provide job shadowing opportunities.
3. Provide internships.
4. Provide flex time for employees to attend school events.
5. Provide scholarship dollars for families who cannot afford out-of-school programs.
6. Adopt a classroom or school.
7. Advocate to other companies to adopt education as their corporate social responsibility.
8. Participate in programs like Junior Achievement.
9. Conduct food drives.
10. Sponsor Parenting Classes at your workplace through Lunch and Learns.
11. Sponsor an education event with money you would have spent for a holiday party.
12. Partner with a school – display kids art on business walls.
13. Sponsor field trips to arts events for a grade level or school.
14. Sponsor a summer camp experience for a special student.
15. Acknowledge/Reward employees who volunteer in schools on their own time.
16. Sponsor a “Wish List” opportunity for holiday giving by your employees.
17. Run a “Reading is Enriching” program – award for most books read by employees and their kids.
18. Use your signage to promote reading, volunteering in schools, etc.