



Take Time to
Be a Dad Today



Dear Dad:

You are important in helping your child(ren) be successful this school year! Did you know that:

- Preschoolers with actively involved fathers have stronger verbal skills;
- Children with actively involved fathers display less behavior problems in school;
- Girls with strong relationships with their fathers do better in mathematics; and
- Boys with actively involved fathers tend to get better grades and perform better on achievement tests?

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Here are some tips to help you and your child have a successful school year:

- Take your child to school especially on the first day;
- Give your child's teacher your contact information;
- Learn the teachers' grading and discipline policy;
- Help with homework, reports and other projects;
- Volunteer at his/her school; or
- Join the PTA or local parent organization.

Your child's future begins with a good education and you can help!



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