

**PARENT INVOLVEMENT**

Participating in your child's education at home, at school, and in the community



**7 SMART THINGS Active Parents Do to Help Their Child Succeed in School**

**#1 Show up and show support.**

*"50% of success is just showing up."*

**#2 Get to know your child's teachers and encourage them.**

*Everyone needs encouragement... even teachers!*

**#3 Make learning a family priority.**

*It's not just school that's important. Learning itself is important.*

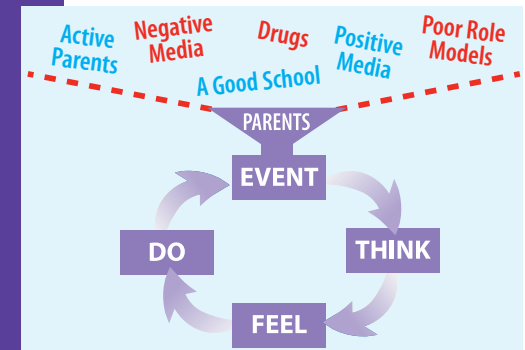
**#4 Structure homework time.**

- Help your child create a regular work area.
- Agree on a regular study time.
- Develop a homework "to-do" list.
- Make sure the house is quiet and that everybody is learning.

**#5 Read and talk with your child.**

- Go beyond reading aloud to your child by...
- Reviewing what you read last time
  - Asking questions to encourage thinking and build vocabulary
  - Predicting together what will happen next
  - Making encouraging comments

**#6 Filter your child's media.**



**#7 Support the school's discipline plan.**

- Tips for an effective **Family Talk**:
- Plan your intro and key points.
  - Ask open-ended questions.
  - Avoid communication blocks.
  - Share your values persuasively.
  - Find support materials.

Supplement this video with the *Active Parenting (4th Edition) Parent's Guide* and *Parent's Workbook* for in-depth explanation of Active Parenting skills and guided practice to help you put them into action.