

Everyday situations ...

Always encourage your child to talk openly to you and listen carefully to what he or she has to say. Make a regular habit of asking about what the child has experienced at school or in his/her freetime, always displaying an interest in what your child is doing.

Help your child to select reading books, even if he or she can already read, and discuss the contents of the book. You can also take turns to read to one another.

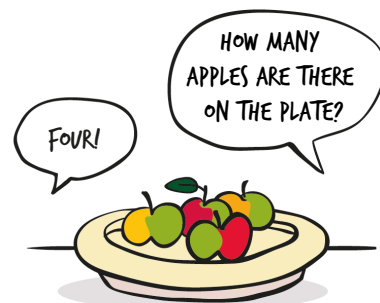
Give your child every opportunity to write, for instance writing out a shopping list or a postcard.



... useful tips for learning

Get into the habit of playing memorising games such as "Memory" or "I packed my bag and in it I put..." so as to train your child to remember things.

Draw simple geometrical shapes on paper and then cut them out so as to develop eye to hand coordination.



In Mathematics a child needs to have a good understanding of numbers and how they work. To help your child acquire this, let them count the number of times they, or you, jump or hop, the number of times they, or you, clap their/your hands; let them count the number of objects on a table and/or touch or collect a number of those objects while counting aloud; let them listen to instructions of how many drawings of an object, e.g. apples, they should colour in, etc..

Parent-teacher conference



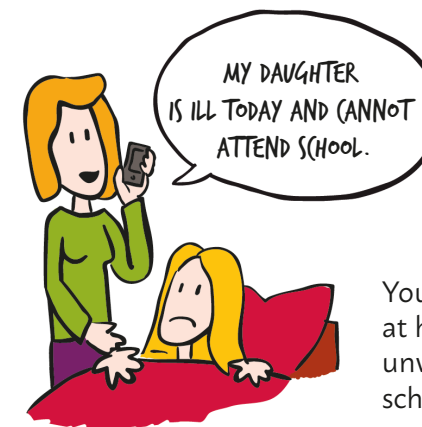
Make a general rule of attending the parent-teacher conferences regularly. You will obtain general information on school lessons and can ask questions of your own. Active participation in the Parent-Teacher association is expressly welcome.

Parent-teacher meetings

At the parent-teacher meetings you can talk to the teachers about how your child's learning is progressing. Take this opportunity so as to get to know the teachers personally.



Illness



Your child must stay at home if feeling unwell. Notify the school early in the morning

School holidays

During school holidays your child needs time to relax. Plenty of outdoor exercise is particularly healthy.



Useful information and tips for starting school



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Dear Parents,

the first day at school marks a new phase in the life of the whole family. The opening chapter of this phase poses lots of questions mainly focusing on how your child will adapt to his/her/their new environment. Here are some other aspects: What can you do to support your child? What do you have to bear in mind? What does your child need at school?

The following pages serve as a compact compass covering the day-to-day journey through life with a schoolchild. Some things will, of course, appear natural; others may perhaps never have occurred to you up to now. This flyer serves as a guide to accompanying your child from the very first day the school satchel is filled through to the first parent-teacher conference. It also contains helpful learning hints designed to prevent the child's education from getting bogged down in the hectic rush and stress of everyday family life.

I wish you all a good start to this first step in school education.

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Class Timetable

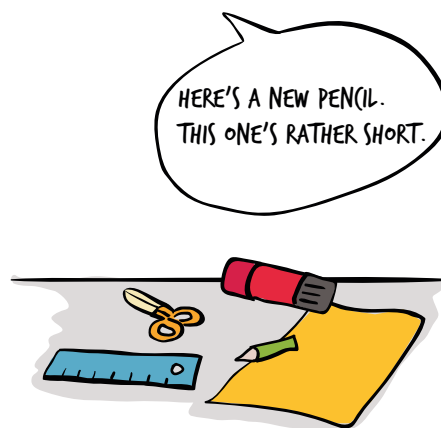
Go through the class timetable together with your child, discussing each of the subjects set for the next day.



Help your child to pack his or her schoolbag and to keep everything tidy.

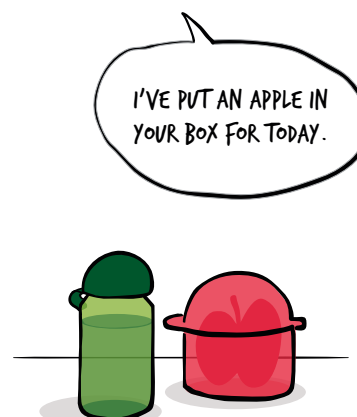
School materials

Provide the necessary school materials for your child, replacing anything that is missing, worn or damaged.



Break-time snack box

Fill your child's snack box with healthy food and sugar-free beverages.



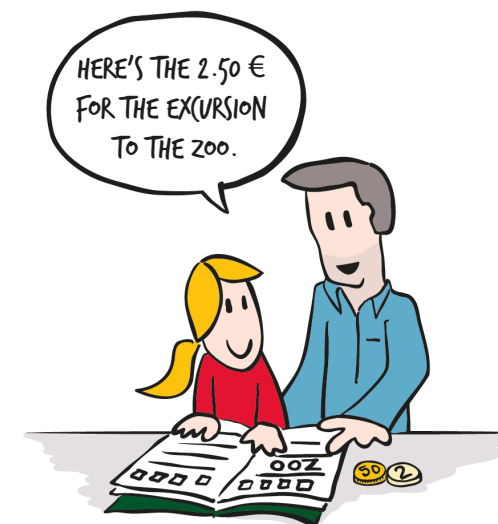
Homework

See that your child is doing his/her homework properly and help where necessary.



Information from the school

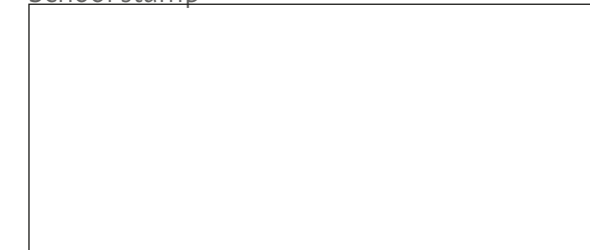
Ensure that your child passes on all the information from the school.



Further information

If you have any further questions on lessons or everyday school life or wish to have information on your child's progress, always contact the teacher or head of the primary school first. You will receive good advice there.

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