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3. Kids' learning is enhanced when adults continually communicate with each other and provide kids with consistent guidance and support.
4. To successfully connect with families and communities, school programs invite involvement, are welcoming, and address specific needs of kids and families.
5. Kids learn more at school when supported by parents, school staff, and community members.
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2. Physical activity helps kids learn.
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5. Learning at home helps kids learn at school.
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# Learning at home helps kids learn at school.

## *Routines at home help kids learn.*

1. Kids need routines such as specific study times and places, regular meals, physical activity, and adequate sleep habits to be better learners.
2. Kids do better in school when there are family expectations such as punctuality, correct use of language, always doing your best, and finishing your homework.
3. Kids whose parents partner with teachers through ongoing, two-way conversations are better learners. Effective partnerships result in:
  - a. Working relationships focused directly on the needs of the individual child;
  - b. Ideas from teachers about things parents can do at home to help their child;
  - c. Ideas from parents about what teachers can do at school to help their child;
  - d. Shared decisions about things to do at home and at school to help the child.

## *Learning at home helps kids learn at school.*

1. Kids whose relationships with their family include affection and talking about everyday events, books, newspapers, magazines, and/or television programs are better learners.
2. Kids whose families visit libraries, museums, zoos, historical sites, and cultural events have background knowledge to be better learners.
3. Kids do better if their parents join other parents in their neighborhood, in the community, at work, or at school to learn more about supporting their kids' learning.
4. Kids benefit from high expectations at home and support for higher education and keeping a focus on learning and homework.

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