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# Tutors-to-Teachers T2T **Tutoring Tips for Parents**

#### 2024-2025 Parent Information



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Becoming a supporting partner in your child's tutoring journey is essential for his or her success. Taking the time to model these essential elements in learning at home will allow for independent practices and create motivated learners.

# HELPING YOUR CHILD GET THE MOST OUT OF TUTORING

Providing your child with the opportunity to receive academic support through a tutoring program is an effective way to refine skills, clarify concepts, and boost confidence.

Tutoring not only enhances academic achievement, but establishes expectations for learning, sending messages to your child that learning is important and a part of life.

#### CONSIDER YOUR ROLE BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER TUTORING:

- Establish a routine to ensure a consistent schedule for tutoring sessions
- Create a comfortable, quiet, and organized study space for your child
- Review previous work and prepare your child for new content



- Discuss with your child what he or she hopes to achieve
- Encourage your child to ask questions before and during the tutoring lesson
- Model a positive attitude towards learning
- Stay involved after the session with your child and encourage them to continue their work
- Encourage independence and to seek help when needed
- Cultivate persistence

## PREPARING FOR TUTORING SESSIONS

- Conclude prior activities in a timely manner to give your child time to transition from an activity to tutoring
- Help your child collect the necessary supplies for their tutoring session

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- Review any questions your child has for the tutor
- Help your student arrive to the tutoring session on-time



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# CONNECTING SKILLS LEARNED IN TUTORING

It is important that your child sees the value in tutoring. Talking with your child about connections that are made between what is learned at school and what is learned during tutoring will strengthen the value and give the tutoring sessions merit. Such discussions of connections will also help make your child take ownership in his or her learning, likely giving more attention to asking questions, gaining clarification, or intentionally employing strategy-





#### QUESTIONS TO FOSTER CONNECTIONS:

- What have you learned in tutoring that has helped with your school work?
- What do you want to learn more about?
- What goals do you have for learning?
- How will tutoring help you achieve those goals?
- What kinds of strategies are you using during your learning?

## ENCOURAGING PERSISTENCE & INDEPENDENCE

An additional way to support your child in his or her learning journey through tutoring is to help your child establish strong organizational skills that he or she can manage independently. Starting with a weekly planner or a task list eliminates any missed assignments or task uncertainties.

#### HELP YOUR CHILD GET ORGANIZED:

- Guide your child to organize tasks and assignments in an agenda or task list
- Review these assignments and tasks daily, having your child check off completed items



# CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Every child's learning journey is unique and different. Each child requires different forms of support and may progress at very different rates.
- Celebrating accomplishments along the way is important; it encourages continued participation and invokes positive motivational beliefs.
- Be sure to revisit your child's task list or goal chart to celebrate their efforts and what they have completed and accomplished!



"All kids need a little help, a little hope, and somebody who believes in them."

-TutorDoctor, How learning hits home