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Parent Resources for Educational Support for Success



www.ilclassroomsinaction.org

Check out the Action Guides intended to provide information and resources to support a family's role as a partner in their child's learning.

Also Check out the Parent's Backpack Guide to the Illinois Learning Standards written to provide a consistent, clear and challenging set of learning expectations for all students.

You will find the following by clicking the link below...

Click Me!

Action Guides Grade K – 2	Parent's Backpack IL Standards Grade K – 2
Action Guide Grade 3 – 5	Parent's Backpack IL Standards Grade 3 – 5
Action Guide Grade 6 - 8	Parent's Backpack IL Standards Grade 6 - 8

<http://www.ilclassroomsinaction.org/family-engagement.html>

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Ten Tips for Test Prep

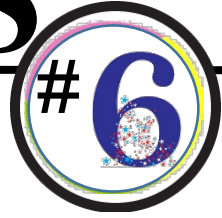
- 1. Give yourself enough time to study**
(Make a schedule and do not procrastinate)
- 2. Make sure your study space is organized**
(A pleasant space will help you to concentrate)
- 3. Use flow charts and diagrams**
(Visual aids can help you to grasp content)
- 4. Practice on old exams/quizzes**
(Review and know what to expect)
- 5. Explain your answers to others**
(Practice reasoning and soliciting help from others)
- 6. Organize study groups with friends**
(Two brains are better than one- make sure the group stays focused)
- 7. Take regular breaks**
(Give your brain a chance to regain its focus)
- 8. Snacking on healthy food is good for the brain**
(Keep your body and brain fit)
- 9. Plan the day of your exams**
(Be on time and reduce anxiety)
- 10. Drink plenty of water**
(Remain hydrated and H₂O adds to your overall positive mood)



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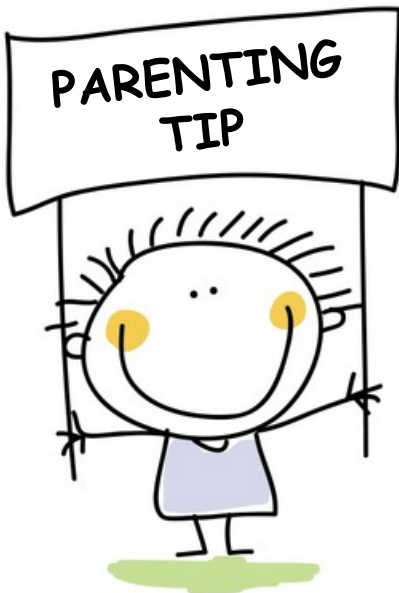
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This suite of NGSS Parent Guides illustrates how the standards are a powerful foundation to help students build a cohesive understanding of science over time. The parent guides are available for Grades K-2, Grade 3-5, Grades 6-8, and Grades 9-12.

Parent guides are now available for NGSS and can be found at <https://www.nextgenscience.org/parentguides>



Setting limits and being consistent are the keys to good discipline and self control. Be thoughtful and kind yet firm and fair when enforcing those rules. Focus on the reason behind the child's behavior. This will help make it an opportunity to learn for the future, rather than to punish for the past.

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Illinois Test Guide for Parents

Find state tests — and score reports — confusing? Use this guide to understand the skills your child is expected to know, why some kids struggle, and how you can help.

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Homework Tips

Schedule a regular study time.

Some kids work best in the afternoon, following a snack and play period; others may prefer to wait until after dinner.

Keep distractions to a minimum.

This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls. (Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)

Help them make a plan.

On heavy homework nights or when there's an especially hefty assignment to tackle, encourage your child to break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary — and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible or needed.

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below for additional support for our MATH curriculum for all grade levels!

Engage NY/Eureka Math Support



This resource provides a common website to support ALL users of the Eureka Math curriculum; You will find Videos and Homework solutions for every lesson! Be sure to check this resource out! <https://embark.online/>

We use a suite of programs with renaissance to assess students and provide practice for student growth and development. Click the icon to find out more details of the various programs used with your child. Also be encouraged to log onto Renaissance Home Connect from the district homepage to monitor your child's progress by using your child's log in information.



Star Assessments
Accelerated Reader 360
Accelerated Math
MathFacts in a Flash

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents.” ~Jane D. Hull



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NEED HELP?

Check out the GREAT instructional support tool below!



Khan Academy

A personalized learning resource for ALL ages

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They tackle math, science, computer programming, history, art history, economics, and more. Their math missions guide learners from kindergarten to calculus using state-of-the-art, adaptive technology that identifies strengths and learning gaps. They've also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content.

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Khan Academy's 100 and Change Proposal: <https://www.youtube.com/user/khanacademy>

Khan Academy is a nonprofit with a mission of providing a free, world-class education for anyone, anywhere. We're entering a MacArthur Foundation competition, called 100&Change, for a \$100 million grant to help solve a critical problem of our time. Millions of people lack the skills and credentials to participate in the global economy. To address this, our long-term goal is to develop internationally-recognized diplomas that provide direct access to economic and educational opportunities. We also plan to create free content and tools to help people earn the diplomas. If we win the grant, we'll be able to accelerate the development of the diplomas, content, and tools. We want to connect people to real economic opportunity and unlock human potential for generations to come.



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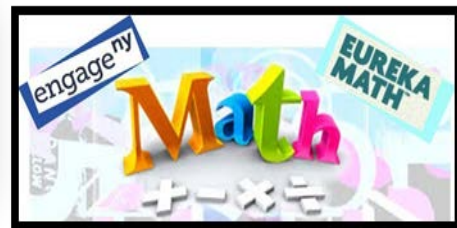
Stay connected with information about how you can help build your child's success in learning. This updated P.R.E.S.S. Release will be posted on our district home page (www.sd150.org) so that you can access these resources with a click of a button. These learning tools will help you support your child in subjects like Math, Reading and Language Arts.



<http://bealearninghero.org/super5/>



<http://www.greatschools.org/>



<https://greatminds.org/math/parents>

Use the Super 5 to help you get started and find the answers to these important questions through easy to use resources and videos from Learning Heroes, National PTA, Scholastic and others on this resourceful website. You will find grade level homework help and more!

This nonprofit organization has created a website with articles, worksheets, and other resources to help parents with ways to provide support to guide children to great futures. Click on the Parenting tab to access academic tools in various subject areas, articles on child development and helpful articles on learning issues for all types of learners

To assist in the important role of helping children be successful with homework activities, GreatMinds has assembled a suite of parent resources that will help you support your child in becoming proficient in math. Check out the Homework Helpers, Parent Tip Sheets and Sample problems by clicking the icon above.



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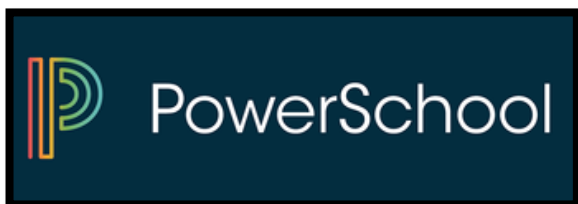


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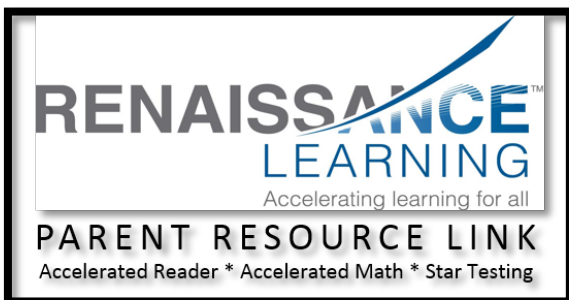
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Visit the websites listed below to access information about what your child is learning in school. This P.R.E.S.S. Release will be posted on our district home page (www.sd150.org) so that you can access these resources with a click of a button. These tools will help build a stronger connection with your child's progress in education.



PowerSchool is our student information system that allows parents to access their child's grades, assignments, schedules and more. Click [HERE](#) to view the PowerSchool for Parents video. The icon will take you to the district's PowerSchool site.



Renaissance Learning provides several innovative tools to help you support and further your child's education that makes learning more enjoyable. You'll find the following parent resources for Renaissance Learning products by clicking the Renaissance icon: [Renaissance Home Connect](#), Parent Guides, [AR BookFinder](#), and Strategies for Early Readers.

By logging onto Renaissance Home Connect, you will see your child's progress in reading and math and so much more. Use your student's log in information to sign on. [Click HERE](#).



To encourage parent awareness of state testing, a website for PARCC has been developed for parents. Parents can use this tool to navigate the changes occurring in classrooms across the country and to help their child(ren) be successful in school. Click the icon to access this resourceful tool.

Attention Parents: To view more information about our efforts to provide a supportive and successful learning environment for our students, be sure to visit and explore our district's website www.sd150.org.

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