How to Support Your **Child's** Learning at Home

A Parent's Guide



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Becoming Resourceful

Becoming resourceful is an essential skill for supporting your child's learning at home. You don't need to spend a lot of money on materials or tools to create a stimulating learning environment.

Here are some tips for becoming more resourceful:

- Use what you have: You probably already have a lot of materials and resources at home that you can use for learning. For example, you can use old boxes to create solids.
- Get creative: You don't have to be an artist to create engaging learning activities. Use everyday materials like cardboard boxes, paper plates, and empty containers to create games and learning tools.

Becoming Resourceful

- Look for inspiration online: There are many blogs and websites that offer ideas for DIY learning activities. Pinterest and Instagram are also great sources of inspiration. Here are 10 Kid-Friendly Instagram Accounts:
 - Blastastic Day
 - Cassie Stephens
 - Curiousity Sprouts
 - The Dad Lab
 - Miss Katie Sings
 - Playfully Primary
 - Pre-K Wolfpack
 - Growing Book by Book
 - Teaching 2 and 3 Year Olds
 - Pink Oatmeal



Click here or below for direct links to these social media accounts.



Instagram Accounts for Creative Learning

The Gardner School shares ten kid-friendly Instagram accounts that highlight creative learning activities for children.

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Using Free Online Tools

Online tools can be a great resource for parents who want to support their child's learning.

There are many free educational websites and apps that offer interactive games, videos, and other resources.



Using Free Online Tools

Khan Academy: This website offers free online courses in a variety of subjects, including math, science, and humanities. The courses are interactive and include videos, practice exercises, and quizzes.

PBS Kids: This website offers educational games and videos for kids ages 2-8. The games are designed to teach math, reading, and other skills.

Duolingo: This app offers free language learning courses in over 40 languages. The courses are designed to be fun and engaging, with interactive games and quizzes.:

KerwinSpringer.com: Kerwin Springer is a local educator and the founder of The Student Hub. On his website, he has CSEC Math and SEA solutions that students can download. He also has a great Youtube Channel.

Setting up a Proper Schedule

Having a schedule is essential for creating a structured learning environment. It can help your child stay focused and motivated, and make sure that they are spending enough time on each subject.



Be REALISTIC

Be CONSISTENT

Be FLEXIBLE

Monitoring Progress



Monitoring your child's progress is important for identifying areas where they need extra help. It can also help you track their growth and development over time. Thus, you need to check on their emotional and mental well-being as well.

- Keep a Journal write down key things such as what your child is learning and how they're feeling.
- Use a checklist to track academic progress. This checklist will include the skills and concepts that your child should be learning at their level.



Creating a Home Learning Environment

Creating a dedicated learning environment can help your child stay focused and motivated. It doesn't have to be a separate room, but it should be an area where your child can work without distractions.



Creating a Home Learning Environment

Here are some tips for creating a home learning environment:

- Choose a quiet area: Your child's learning space should be in a quiet area of the house, away from noise and distractions.
- Keep it organized: Make sure your child's learning space is organized and clutter-free. This can help them feel more calm and focused.
- Personalize the space: Allow your child to decorate their learning space with things that inspire them, such as posters, art, or motivational quotes.



Implementing a Reward System

A reward system can be a powerful tool for motivating your child to learn. Rewards can be as simple as praise or as elaborate as a special outing or treat. Here are some tips for implementing a reward system:

- Set clear goals: Make sure your child knows what they need to do to earn a reward. For example, they might need to complete a certain number of math problems or read a certain number of pages.
- Choose appropriate rewards: The reward should be something that your child values and that is appropriate for their age and interests.
- Be consistent: Make sure you follow through on your promises. If you say your child will earn a reward for completing a task, make sure you follow through.
- Use praise: Don't forget to praise your child for their efforts, even if they don't earn a reward. Positive feedback can be just as motivating as a tangible reward.

Although it can be challenging, supporting your child's learning at home is definitely possible and VERY worth it!





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