Help Your Child Succeed in School

Pre-reading

Questions:

• How do you help your child do his or her best in school?

Definitions:

• Involve – to have a part in, or be a part of
• Succeed – to do well; to have a good result
• Success – a person that does well or a thing that goes well

Reading

Kim wanted her son, Ben, to do well in school. Her son had brought home a note that said, “A good school becomes a great school when parents get involved. Studies show that when parents are involved, their children are more successful.”

How could she help? What could she do? She was a busy person. How much time would it take? Kim was unsure of where to start. She talked to Ben’s teacher.

The teacher gave Kim some ideas.

Kim began reviewing Ben’s homework each night. After supper they would both sit at the table and look through his backpack. Kim reviewed papers that Ben brought home. Ben did his homework.

Kim also had lunch at school with Ben twice a month. Ben loved when his mom came to school! A wide smile would appear on his face. It also proved to be a good way for Kim to get to know some of Ben’s classmates.

Kim felt good. Ben was doing well. He was getting his homework done. He was getting good grades. He was friends with some very nice kids. Ben also felt good. He knew his mom cared about him while he was at school and at home.
Understanding

1. Why is it good for parents to be involved at school? ______________________________________
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2. Who did Kim talk to about ways to become more involved? _____________________________
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3. What did Kim choose to do? (List two answers.) ______________________________________
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4. What does the word **review** mean? ________________________________________________
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5. What does the word **appear** mean? ________________________________________________
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Writing

**Choice A:** Was Kim’s involvement a success? Why or Why not?

**Choice B:** Are you involved in your child’s school?
   If yes, how are you involved? What do you do?
   If no, how would you like to be involved? What could you do?