

# Make an effort to connect with the teacher

Your child's teacher will be a significant person in his life this year. So it's helpful for the two of you to build a strong bond. That way, you can work together, share information and head off any problems that may come up.

To make a connection:

- Attend back-to-school night. While this isn't the time or place for a long one-on-one talk, it will help each of you put a face to a name.
- Share information. Changes at home, such as the birth of a baby, loss of a job or pending divorce, can affect a child at school. Write a note, send an email or ask if the teacher can call you to talk. The more she knows about your child, the more she'll be able to support his learning.
- Let your child know you respect his teacher. Your attitude will affect your child's behavior in class.
- Stay engaged. Read the notes the teacher sends home from school. Fill out and return permission slips and paperwork in a timely manner.

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