

HELPING YOUR CHILD HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR

“Pay attention to what you are taught, and you will be successful; trust in the Lord and you will be happy.” Proverbs 16:20 (TEV)

“The A.B.C.’s of Student Success”

- ❖ **A. – ATTITUDE...Your children NEED and you DESERVE a good one.**
“Pride will destroy a person; a proud attitude leads to ruin.” Proverbs 16:18 (NCV)
 - **Key Truth: The WORLD doesn’t REVOLVE around them, TEACH it early.**
“Real beauty is something internal that can't be destroyed. Beauty expresses itself in a gentle and quiet attitude which God considers precious.” 1 Peter 3:4 (GW)

- ❖ **B. – BEHAVIOR...STRONG WILLED children need STRONGER WILLED parents**
“Children are prone to foolishness and fads; the cure comes through tough-minded discipline.” Proverbs 22:15 (MSG)
 - **Key Truth: Hold your children ACCOUNTABLE for their BEHAVIOR**
“Even children are known by the way they act, whether their conduct is pure and right.” Proverbs 20:11 (NLT)

- ❖ **C. – CONSISTENCY...in your INSTRUCTION and your PERSONAL ACTIONS**
“Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will be come discouraged.” Colossians 3:21 (NIV)
 - **Key Truth: If you are not willing to WALK IT you shouldn’t TALK IT**
“Jesus replied, ‘And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.’” Luke 11:46 (NIV)

- ❖ **D. – DISCIPLINE...setting BOUNDARIES shows LOVE to your children.**
“If you refuse to discipline your children, it proves you don't love them; if you love your children, you will be prompt to discipline them.” Proverbs 13:24 (NLT)
 - **Key Truth: Children don’t just NEED discipline, they HUNGER for it.**
“Don't hesitate to discipline children. A good spanking won't kill them. As a matter of fact, it may save their lives.” Proverbs 23:13-14 (TEV)

- ❖ **E. – EXPECTATION...Establish CLEAR and REALISTIC ones WITH your children.**
“Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost.” Proverbs 22:6 (MSG)
 - **Key Truth: It is UNFAIR to hold kids ACCOUNTABLE to unknown GOALS**
“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’—which is the first commandment with a promise—‘that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.’” Ephesians 6:1-3 (NIV)

- ❖ **F. – FINISHING...What they START they need to FINISH**
“A life frittered away disgusts God; He loves those who run straight for the finish line.
Proverbs 15:9 (MSG)
 - **Key Truth: A mark of our FAITH is our willingness to FINISH what we START**
“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us.”
Hebrews 12:1 (NLT)

- ❖ **G. – GROUNDING...Make sure their FOUNDATION for life is GOD’S WORD**
“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.” **Psalm 119:105**
(NIV)
 - **Key Truth: Without a FIRM FOUNDATION your children will FALL**
“But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.”
Matthew 7:26 (NIV)

- ❖ **CLOSING CHALLENGE: Above all else, LOVE your CHILDREN as GOD’S GIFT**
“Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.” **Psalm 127:3 (NLT)**
 - **Closing Truth: Love your children for whom GOD CREATED them to be.**