

Reinforce learning by having your child teach you something

Students are more motivated to learn when they feel capable, connected and in control. Having your child teach you things nurtures these feelings.

When your child tries to teach you about what he is doing, it can help him understand assignments better, reinforce what he knows and reveal gaps in his own comprehension.

Try these strategies:

- Show an interest in what your child is learning in school. Have him show you a homework assignment, explain a concept or read a chapter in his textbook aloud to you.
- Let your child quiz you. See if you can name the state capitals or the first five presidents. Try to define vocabulary words and recall math or science facts.
- Ask your child to help you solve a problem or create something. What does he think you should do first, second, next?
- Ask your child to teach you how to play one of his favorite games.
- Ask for your child's opinion and consider it before solidifying your own.

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