

Don't forget to celebrate your child's achievements

She did it! She raised her math grade this quarter. Or she finally finished reading that book series.

There is no better motivation for a child than setting a goal and reaching it. But sometimes, a major accomplishment also calls for a celebration. So when your child sets and reaches a challenging goal, try one of these fun ideas:

1. Take a picture of your child showing off her report card. Or, get a snapshot of her holding up the book series she's just finished. You could even ask your child to draw a picture of her accomplishment.
Frame the picture and put it by your child's bed. That way, every time she wakes up, she'll see an image of herself as an achiever.
2. Plan a special surprise. On one side of a piece of paper, write down a goal your child wants to achieve. On the other side, write down a small reward—such as having a friend over for a sleepover.
Roll up the paper, put it into a balloon, and then blow up the balloon. Tell your child that when she reaches her goal, you'll pop the balloon together and she'll find out what she's earned!
3. Host a victory family dinner to celebrate your child's success. Set a "fancy" table and serve your child's favorite foods.

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