

# Teach Responsibility For Learning & Behavior

A child who understands and accepts responsibility will do better in school. And the very best place for your child to learn to take responsibility is right at home. Teach your child to:

- **Set goals.** At the beginning of the week, help your child identify one goal, write it on a piece of paper and post it in a prominent spot. Talk about how to accomplish the goal. Help your child break it down into smaller steps. At the end of the week, did your child achieve the goal? Talk together about why or why not.
- **Be organized for school.** Together, decide where your child can keep everything for school—books and supplies, completed homework assignments, special projects, permission slips. Your child's final responsibility each evening is



to put everything for school the following day in that place.

Allow your child to experience the consequences when assignments are not completed, chores are not done or commitments are not honored. Praise your child for demonstrating responsibility.

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