

# Responsibility leads to school success

Responsible children are more likely to be successful in school. They do their homework on time and remember to bring it to school to turn in. Having responsibilities makes children feel important and leads to higher self-esteem. It's no wonder that parents (and teachers) place such a focus on teaching responsibility!

To teach your child how to be responsible:

- **Make sure your child's responsibilities** are things she can do by herself. A nine-year-old may not be tall enough to wash the car, but she can fold laundry or feed the dog.
- **Consider tying chores to learning.** Ask your child to read the newspaper to find a current event to share at dinner. Or ask her to water the plants—and make a chart showing their growth.



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- **Avoid nagging your child.** It is *her* responsibility to get the job done; by constantly reminding her, you're making it your responsibility instead.