

SCHOOL ADVICE FROM A TEACHER

I have wanted to be a teacher and have enjoyed working with students for most of my life, and building relationships with the students is by far my favorite part of the job. That being said, it can also be the hardest part when you have forty different students all with varying needs, desires, and goals not to mention all of the other everyday responsibilities of the job. Being a teacher has taught me many things, both about myself and about the kids I was teaching. I want to share some of the things I noticed that helped students have a great school year, while also sharing some words of encouragement from a teacher's perspective. Here are four tips to help equip your children for a successful school year:

1. Set goals with your children.

If you want your teacher to be in on the goal-setting conversation, encourage your child to share his or her goals with their teacher(s) at the beginning of the year. This way, the teacher can help equip your child as well and help them achieve their goal. Plus, we like celebrating achievements with them.

2. Remind your child who they are In Christ.

Every child is more than a number or test score, and my hope and prayer as a teacher is that kids can walk confidently knowing that truth. I put a lot of pressure on myself to perform well in school, and I often felt like I had to achieve perfection when it came to grades. However, this way of thinking is far from the truth. Once I started following Jesus, I realized that perfection is a very overrated word.

3. Encourage and equip your child to set the example.

Little things like being a good listener, understanding other people's perspectives, and communicating thoughts in a respectful manner can go a long way. Probably the biggest way parents can teach this is by setting the example themselves and then setting high expectations with their kids. Whether it's at home, at church, or anywhere else, parents can set the tone for how to treat others the way Christ would treat them.

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4. Pray with your child about school.

As a teacher, I pray for my students constantly. I encourage you to pray together for all aspects of school. Pray for your child, that they may look to Christ for wisdom and guidance, and would be a great example on their campus. Pray for your child's classmates, that they would become a great community for your child and a great group of friends to do life with. Pray for your child's teachers as they are gearing up for the new school year. Pray for other school and district leaders and the decisions they will be making every day that will be impacting your child.

Make a list of your child's teachers, admins, principals, etc.
(commit to pray for them)

What is the best time to talk to your kid about goals, who they are in Christ, and how to set an example at school?



Mornings



Car Time



Table Time



Bed Time

Commit to have meaningful conversations with your children during these times.