Strong relationships help your child learn

All children need someone who cares deeply about them. But do you know how much that relationship affects a child’s learning?

You and your child build a good relationship when you spend time together. A close connection helps your child to:

- Manage emotions, solve problems, and get along with others.
- Practice thinking and speaking.
- Form a sense of self.
- Develop unique strengths and interests.
- Focus on learning activities at school.

Tips for busy parents

- Move to your child’s level
- Make eye contact
- Listen
- Speak in a friendly voice
- Play together
- Share activities
- Give affection
- Encourage effort
- Laugh together
- Empathize with feelings
- Support interests
- Give warm greetings and goodbyes

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