It Matters When Parents Are Partners in a Child’s Education

Students throughout our region are confronted with many challenges. Collaboration between the school and home is necessary to help students achieve academic success. Decades of research demonstrates that parent involvement significantly contributes to improved student outcomes related to learning and school success, including:

- Higher grades, test scores and graduation rates
- Better school attendance
- Increased motivation and higher self-esteem
- Lower rates of suspension

Furthermore, research shows that the more parents are involved, the greater the achievement effects. The Parent Involvement Project provides a platform for parents and families to become actively involved in a child’s education by working through schools to engage families as partners in the education process. When schools and families work together, children succeed.
Impact and Achievements

Parents and families that participate in the program are making a difference in homes, schools and communities.

♦ Families create home environments conducive to school success.

“Having home visits and being in the classroom are great and have had a very beneficial impact in our family because we have changed some of our old and not very good habits as saying ‘no it’s not like that,’ or ‘no that’s not the answer.’ Now we try to help our son find the answer in a nice and fun way and everybody is happy.” Quote from South San Francisco parent

♦ Families gain tools and strategies for reading to their children.

We sat in a small corner table to start our lesson. I pulled out the story *I’m the Biggest Thing in the Ocean*, his eyes just glowed with excitement. Throughout the story he was very engaged. Once I finished, he asked, “Can you read it again?” My immediate response was, “Yes! Not only that, but I will give you the book as a gift.” The mom quickly responded and said, “Thank you teacher, for giving him his first book.” Story from a home visitor in Fremont

♦ Parents serve as community leaders.

“Parents from the program are becoming leaders. Some parents are part of the PTA Council. Some of them will participate in the State PTA Convention. They want to share what they have learned with other parents.” Quote from teacher in South San Francisco