

## Life-long Learning

Learning is a continual process. By doing activities with your children and teens, you are teaching them the valuable lesson that learning can occur at any age, in many different ways, and outside the classroom.

## Ten Ways to Encourage Learning

1. **Take time to interact with your children on a variety of levels.** There are many games that help us improve memory, concentration, problem-solving, and social skills. Point out what they are doing well while you're playing. Talk about how they can use some of the skills in real life.
2. **Be familiar with activities that take place at your school or local library.** Most libraries have story times or other free educational activities.
3. **Encourage your children to keep a scrapbook or portfolio** about a subject that interests them such as animals, careers, science, vacation spots, holidays, travel or history.
4. **Provide a variety of mediums** (paper, pens, colored pencils, paint, chalk, etc) available for your children and teens to express themselves creatively.
5. **Ask them to find objects of varying lengths around the house using their own measurement system.** For example, how many spoon lengths wide is your bedroom?
6. **Help them learn to count change.** When you're at stores or restaurants, encourage them to figure out the amount of change they should get back. Ask the older children to determine the amount of tip that should be left based on 20% of the total bill.
7. **Reinforce what your children are learning in school by asking them to share new information daily.**
8. **Become knowledgeable of the textbooks** your children and teens are using so you know what they are learning in school. Plan family activities that relate to what they are studying. For example, if they are studying the civil war in social studies, take them to a museum that has an exhibit on that topic.
9. **Review assignments** with your children after they have been graded by the teacher. Discuss both the correct and incorrect responses for increased understanding.
10. **Place a globe of the world or a wall map in the T.V. room.** Ask your children and teens to locate the countries where news events are taking place.

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## KYPIRC Mission Statement

*Coordinating services, sharing information, identifying resources, fostering contact, and creating a network to support the interest and needs of parents and schools, and subsequently improved academic achievement.*



*The sky's the limit  
 for student achievement when  
 parents are involved!*

## KYPIRC April Parent Trainings

### **Western KY Regional Training**

April 13; 1:00—2:00 or 5:00—6:00

"Deal or No Deal: What's the Big Deal About the C.A.T.S. Test?"

Christian County Middle School, Christian County

### **North Central KY Regional Training**

April 20; 6:00—8:00

"Involved Parents: Key to School Success"

Bullitt Lick Middle School, Bullitt County

### **Eastern KY Regional Training**

April 13; 11:00 a.m.

"Test Taking Tips"

South Floyd Middle School, Hi Hat

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for more April training dates and other helpful info!