



Start the new school year off
on the right foot with
these tips

Make Back to School a Breeze With Oxford Learning! For students in kindergarten to grade 2

Whether your child is heading to class for the very first time or is a seasoned veteran of the second grade, it's never too early to introduce learning habits and routines to use in the classroom.

Tips:

- Begin scheduling some time every night as 'school time'. As students get older, this becomes homework/study time. For young students, in the absence of actual school work, nightly school time can be used to talk about school or engage in skill-building activities, such as counting, reading together, or playing board games.
- Make talking about school and learning expectations part of the nightly conversation. This helps to lay the groundwork for open communication in the upper grades. Open communication about school and learning can help to lessen school-related anxiety and shyness in younger children.

Some school discussion ideas for younger children:

- Feelings about school, teachers
- Favourite activities
- Playground etiquette
- The importance of sharing
- Excitement about learning

Watch out for: Slowly Developing Reading Skills

Academically, the early years lay critical groundwork for the future. Children are building the foundation for future skills, and activities at home can really support in-class development. Early educational development is the foundation for a child's attitude about school. Kids need to learn that school is safe, and that learning can be fun.

