

# Help Your Child Succeed in School



## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- How do you help your child do his or her best in school?

### Definitions:

- Involve – to have a part in, or be a part of
- Succeed – to do well; to have a good result
- Success – a person that does well or a thing that goes well

## Reading

16 Kim wanted her son, Ben, to do well in school. Her son had brought home a  
30 note that said, “A good school becomes a great school when parents get involved.  
42 Studies show that when parents are involved, their children are more successful.”

57 How could she help? What could she do? She was a busy person. How much  
73 time would it take? Kim was unsure of where to start. She talked to Ben’s teacher.  
79 The teacher gave Kim some ideas.

85 Kim began **reviewing** Ben’s homework each night. After supper they would  
90 both sit at the table and look through his backpack. Kim reviewed papers that Ben  
105 brought home. Ben did his homework.

111 Kim also had lunch at school with Ben twice a month. Ben loved when his  
126 mom came to school! A wide smile would **appear** on his face. It also proved to be  
144 a good way for Kim to get to know some of Ben’s classmates.

154 Kim felt good. Ben was doing well. He was getting his homework done. He  
168 was getting good grades. He was friends with some very nice kids. Ben also felt  
183 good. He knew his mom cared about him while he was at school and at home.

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## Understanding

1. Why is it good for parents to be involved at school? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Who did Kim talk to about ways to become more involved? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What did Kim choose to do? (List two answers.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What does the word **review** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What does the word **appear** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Was Kim's involvement a success? Why or Why not?

Choice B: Are you involved in your child's school?

If yes, how are you involved? What do you do?

If no, how would you like to be involved? What could you do?

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