



What will your child learn in school this year? If you want some inside info on the skills each grade level will be expected to master, take a look here. These links are from the Family Education Network.

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Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 6

The U.S. Department of Education has a handy guide to for parents to help their children learn to read. It is available in English or Spanish. Just click the link(s) below and download the pamphlet with great ideas.

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/reader/index.html> for English

<http://www.ed.gov/espanol/parents/academic/lector/part.html> for Spanish

They also have other pamphlets for helping your children with math, science, history and homework, as well as helping your children become responsible citizens and helping them to succeed in school. Go to this link to access them all:

<http://www.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/hyc.html>

Helpful tip (and a fun game, too!)

Traveling in the car, back and forth to school and extra-curricular activities? Play this simple game with your young children to help with their reading skills. Your child can learn as they play this word game. You can play the old favorite "I Spy" with your children, using the names of family, characters in a favorite book or characters on TV.

When playing "I Spy", give them the first sound as a clue, instead of the first letter. For example, "I spy with my little eye someone whose name begins with sshhh" (for Sharon). In addition to helping them with their letter sounds, this game will also help with their confidence.