

MTS Elementary

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Parent Involvement 2016-2017

MTS Elementary is committed to building strong parent and family partnerships within our community. We believe having strong community involvement is essential in creating a successful learning environment for students.

When parents are involved...

- Students achieve more.
- Students exhibit more positive attitudes and behavior, increased motivation, and better self-esteem.
- Students earn higher grades and test scores, have better attendance, and complete homework more consistently.
- Students have higher graduation rates and greater enrollment rates in post-secondary education.

How parents can be more involved at MTS Elementary:

At home:

- Create a good environment to study.
- Encourage and monitor them to do their homework every night.
- Reading is very important to them, set aside 20 minutes of reading daily for them.
- Talk to your child about their school day.
- Limit how much time the TV is on.

At school:

- Stay in touch with teachers. **See website for staff directory or contact the main office*
- Attend as many school meetings and activities as possible. *(Parent-teacher conference, Title One Family events) *see below*
- Read all newsletters that are sent home from school and feel free to call if you have any questions.
- Volunteer in your child's classroom.

Events at school:

- Parent-Teacher Conferences
 - Twice a year – October 18 & 19 and March 16 & 17
 - Talk with teachers to discuss progress or concerns about your child
- Title One Family Events
 - Three times a year
 - Reading Extravaganza September 29th
 - February Breakfast February 9th
 - Portfolio/ Science Exhibit May 25th

- All-School Field Day – June 8th
- Annual Meeting: - February 23rd

Parent/Family Resources:

Attendance:

- Students should be at school on time every day.
- 3 tardies equal one day absent.
- 6 days of unexcused absences requires reporting to Be@ School.
- After that there will be a child neglect meeting.

Children and sleep:

- Good sleep is essential to a child's health and growth.
- Sleep promotes alertness.
- 6 days of unexcused absences requires reporting to Be@ School. .
- Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better and are less prone to behavioral problems and moodiness.

How much sleep should my child get?

<u>Age:</u>	<u>Hours of sleep:</u>
1-3 years	12-14 hours
3-5 years	11-13 hours
5-12 years	10-11 hours
12-18 years	8.5-9.5 hours

Homework help resources:

Free homework help at **Hennepin County libraries**

- September through May
- No advance sign-up is needed
- No cost to families

<http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/homework.cfm>

- Online help is also available for math, science and writing.
 - Must have a library card
 - It is free to sign up
 - Visit any library in Hennepin County

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