



# Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

## DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that **HPJQH UP TDIPPM** on time, every day is important. **& W F HPPE BUUFOEBODF XJMM CF B TLJMM UIBU XJMM IFMQ UIFN TVDDFFE**

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
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- \*G ZPV BSF DPODFSOFE UIBU ZPVS DIJME NBZ IBWF \$PWJE DBMM TDIPPM GPS BEWJDF
- \*G ZPVS DIJME NVTU TUBZ IPNF EVF UP JMMOFTT PS RVP SBOUJOF UFBDIFS GPS SFTPVSDFE BOE JEFBT UP DPOUJOVF MFBSOJOH BU IP

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year

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