

Helping Families Succeed with Multiple Students

1. Creating a daily lesson plan is the first step towards success. A plan will help you and your children stay on task and keep organized. Set aside time in your schedule to create a plan for the week or even just for the next day. You'll find you have to modify even the best plan in response to the attitudes and feelings of your students. Organization and a willingness to adapt are keys to successfully teaching more than one child at a time.
2. Older students usually have more initiative and motivation when it comes to their studies, so they will need less encouragement and direction than younger siblings. Continue to teach your students to problem solve independently.
3. Sometimes a sibling is the best teacher. You can pair off your older children with your younger ones and let them work together.
4. Ask your children if they have suggestions for making their schooling run smoothly. This will allow them to feel an ownership in their education, which can keep them focused on their lessons.
5. When possible, learning together is a great opportunity for family members to help one another with their projects.
6. Your teacher is a wonderful resource! When you get frustrated, talk to your teacher or call the school counselor. That is what we are here for!