

School Success Introduction

Don't let the number 500 intimidate you, and don't feel compelled to follow every suggestion. Think of this book as a smorgasbord from which you sample what is appropriate for you. Each item is numbered so you can skim through a chapter quickly to find what you need.

If you're like 40% of American parents, you and your spouse both work. If you're a single parent, you and others like you, are bringing up 26% of our nation's children. Torn between the demands of your job and the needs of your children, you may worry that you aren't doing enough to foster learning.

When you hear about problems schools face such as over-crowding, curriculum fads, mediocre teachers, and low test scores, you might wonder if your children are missing some vital part of their education. At the same time, you may hesitate to act, afraid you don't have the education or skill to instruct your children, or your assistance might confuse them.

This book was written for busy parents like you. Most of the strategies in this book were developed and refined for the over 6,000 students I taught during the 36 years I spend in public education and the children and adults I am currently tutoring.