

# Education

## Seven habits of a successful student

1) A successful student has a happy home life. Studies have proven that it is nearly impossible for an anxious, unhappy child to perform well in school. Students should approach schoolwork in an eager, relaxed and rested frame of mind.

Parental support and interest is extremely important.

2) A successful student has a positive attitude toward learning. A student's one job is to do his/her best to learn the skills that have been taught. If a new concept is not understood, he/she must ask to have it re-taught. A teacher's job is to teach the skills, a student's job is to learn the skills and a parent's job is to love their child and support their child's learning process.

3) A successful student has a quiet place to study. Although students think that they can learn while listening to their favourite music or sitting in front of the television, they can't. They should do homework/study

with no distractions.

Students learn best when all necessary materials are present (pencils, erasers, paper, etc.); the study area is well lit; the chair is comfortable and the desk space is adequate. No television, no phone calls, no music, no computer chats.

4) A successful student has acquired sound study habits. Settle on a regular, daily study schedule and stick to it. Students need to budget their time in order to get everything done in their lives ... school work as well as friend and family obligations. Organization is important. Start now.

5) A successful student enjoys reading. Both parents have read to their child from an early age. A love and respect for books and the inspiration for learning begins at home.

6) A successful student is productive. Their time is not only spent on school work, but

they are active in sports, music, dance, hobbies and volunteering in the community. A strong interest in the community and a healthy outlook lasts a lifetime.

7) A successful student knows how to listen ... really listen. Listening is a valuable skill. The human voice utters words at a speed of 1/5 as fast as the mind can think.

This gap frequently gets children into trouble. The teacher talks too slowly. The student's mind moves too fast. The student may think that an opportunity to not pay attention presents itself.

The goal is to listen creatively, constructively and inquisitively. An active mind can evaluate information and ask intelligent questions.

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### Ontario

Early Years

## Markham & Thornhill Ontario Early Years Centres

• a place for parents and children to play and learn

- visit a centre ... pick up a program calendar

Monday to Thursday: 9 am - 8 pm  
Friday: 9 am - 5 pm  
Saturday: 9 am - 2 pm  
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<p>Markham Ontario Early Years Centre 3990 - 14th Avenue (at Birchmount) 905-479-0002</p>	 <p>Thornhill Ontario Early Years Centre 7755 Bayview Avenue (at John St.) 905-709-6159</p>
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## Why not sign up for a class?

Are you thinking about dedicating some time for just yourself? Well, now is the perfect time! by signing up for a course on a subject that interests you, you will find it will have a hugely positive effect on your daily life.

Taking a course that interests you or on something you want to learn more about, can give you a whole new positive outlook on life and make you feel better about yourself.

And there are courses for all interests. If you are athletic or want to stay active, a local fitness centre might have just the thing. Aerobics is one popular course; not only is it fun to groove to music, but it's also a great way to shed some extra pounds. If you are looking to share an outdoor activity with the family, why not sign up for a ski course at a local ski hill? There are also courses in badminton, swimming, curling, tennis ... and the list goes on and on.

All you have to do, is check out what's available in your community. Advertisements in the local newspapers and booklets available at the local library are a good place to start. Usually municipalities publish booklets for fall/winter and spring/summer that list a multitude of courses available close to home.

### WHY DO SMART KIDS FAIL?

- Weak basic skills?
- Lack of confidence?
- Frustration with school?
- No motivation?

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Call: IXL Educational Consultants to register  
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