

What is the point of speaking well of school?

We are role models for our children.

- Everything we say has **a big impact on their view of things**.
- By speaking about school **in a positive way**, they will **tend to adopt the same attitude**.

Disagree with something?

- It is recommended to **make an appointment** with their teacher, or with the principal, to put solutions in place.

Your child will then see the importance you place on school.

What to do?

- Participate in **parent meetings** and **school activities**
- Pay attention to their **teacher's communications**.

- Ask your child** what they did in class
- Use **everyday actions** to reinforce what was learned at school (doing math while cooking, reading instructions, etc.)

Phrases to avoid using with your child

School = Threat

- "At school, you're gonna have to listen! They won't put up with behavior like that for long!"
- "If you keep going like this, your teacher will be ashamed of you!"

Conveying our fears and our sorrow

- "I wasn't good at math... I hope things will be better for you."
- "See? I knew it wasn't going to work..."

Speaking badly about the school or the teacher

- "She doesn't know what she's talking about. Do what you want..."
- "School has become a mess, with all these rules."

For a **positive and constructive parent-child discussion** about school...

Let's do the **Talking Chatterbox!** activity

