



Malden Public Schools Title I Parent Connection

Help to Increase Your Child's Science Knowledge

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Scientists and politicians are calling on educators and parents to influence today's youth in all aspects of science and technology. Treatment for diseases, enhancing food production, finding alternate sources of energy, and the impact of human behavior on our environment requires citizens who can make critical contributions to the sciences.

How can you help your children become more knowledgeable and excited about science and technology?

Parents can make a significant difference in their child's science experience by expanding on what their children are learning in the classroom with fun and engaging activities, and exposing their children to the many science-related experiences in greater Boston.

Parents can make science interesting and fun in the following ways:

- € Spend time with your children observing nature, weather patterns, or other scientific phenomena.
- € Use science to start a conversation with your children. Discuss science in the news (the proposal to investigate infectious diseases in South Boston, stem cell research, high-tech job opportunities in the Greater Boston area, etc.), cooking, science aspect of sports (hitting a baseball, throwing a curveball, etc.), and the technological advances that have occurred during your lifetime (computers, internet, cell phones, etc.).
- € Encourage your children to take up a science-related hobby. Collecting bugs, growing a garden, and building models are fun activities that will enhance your children's curiosity.
- € Focus on the scientific processes of inquiry, posing questions, and investigating phenomena.
- € Put a positive spin on science. Reinforce your children's classroom learning by making it relevant to their daily lives.

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Expose your children to Science-related resources in Greater Boston, such as:

- € Museum of Science, Boston
- € New England Aquarium
- € Harvard Museum of Natural History
- € Zoo New England, both the Franklin Park and Stone Zoo
- € Massachusetts Institute of Technology Museum
- € Children's Museum in Boston
- € Peabody Essex Museum (Salem)

The Malden Public Library offers free or discounted museum passes for Malden residents. Please call 781-324-0218 for information.



Take every opportunity to engage your children in science activities that are interesting to them and connect with what they are learning in our science classrooms.

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