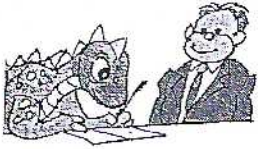


# Facilitating Children's Academic Learning: Parents as "Academic and Persistence Coaches"



"Coaching" is a powerful way to strengthen children's academic skills and ability to stick with a difficult task. The following is a list of academic concepts and behaviors that can be commented upon when doing school-related activities with your child. Use this checklist to practice describing academic concepts.

Academic Skills	Examples
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____ working hard</li> <li>_____ concentrating, focusing</li> <li>_____ persistence, patience</li> <li>_____ planning</li> </ul>	<p>"You are working so hard on that project and thinking about how to organize it."</p> <p>"You are so patient and just keep trying all different ways to figure it out."</p> <p>"You are frustrated because it is difficult to assemble, but you are staying so calm"</p> <p>"You really planned well and thought of everything you needed for that project."</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>_____ following teacher's directions</li> <li>_____ problem solving</li> <li>_____ trying again</li> <li>_____ thinking skills</li> <li>_____ listening</li> <li>_____ working hard/best work</li> <li>_____ independence</li> </ul>	<p>"You are thinking hard about how to solve the problem and coming up with a great solution to that problem."</p> <p>"You have figured that out all by yourself."</p> <p>"You are really working patiently with your friend so together you can figure out how that works."</p> <p>"You worked hard to have your best handwriting on that paper."</p> <p>"You didn't know that word so you looked it up in the dictionary."</p>