

WHEN HOME AND SCHOOL WORK AS ONE

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Home is every child's first classroom, and parents are their first teachers. Long before children learn to read and write, they begin learning values such as love, respect, responsibility, and perseverance within the family. As they grow and enter school, the role of parents does not end. Instead, it becomes even more important, as the lessons taught in the classroom become more meaningful when they are reinforced with guidance and encouragement at home. When schools and families work together, they create a strong foundation that helps children develop academically and personally.

One of the greatest strengths of the ARAL Program is the active involvement of parents in their children's learning journey. Despite the demands of work and other responsibilities, many parents continue to set aside time to read with their children, help them complete learning tasks, and review lessons after school. Even simple conversations about what a child learned during the day can spark curiosity, boost motivation, and remind them that their efforts matter. Words of encouragement, no matter how small, often become the confidence children need to keep moving forward. These everyday moments show that meaningful learning extends far beyond the walls of the classroom.

As the program progressed, positive changes became more evident among learners who consistently received support from their families. Many attended school with greater enthusiasm, participated more actively in class discussions, and completed their schoolwork with increased confidence. Children who once doubted their abilities gradually became more willing to ask questions, share ideas, and take on new challenges. While these changes developed gradually rather than immediately, every step forward

reflected the shared commitment of teachers, parents, and learners to work toward common educational goals.

More than providing additional opportunities for learning, the ARAL Program strengthens the partnership between home and school in nurturing every child's potential. The presence, guidance, and encouragement of parents offer a sense of security and confidence that no test score can measure. When children know that the important people in their lives believe in them, they become more determined to overcome difficulties and pursue success. Indeed, the most meaningful lessons begin at home and continue to flourish through the shared commitment of families, teachers, and the entire school community.

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