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Heart to Heart Assignment- From Judge Glenda Hatchett -

Three C's and a P

1. Consistency- Be consistent. No means no.
2. Concern- Watch your children. Know who their friends are. Get to know the parents of their friends. Know where they are going. Know what is happening with them at school.
3. Cheer for your Child- Tell them that you believe in them. Even when they disappoint you, tell them that you are disappointed in their behavior, but you still love them and believe in them. Every child has a dream with their name on it. Every parent has to be in the business of helping their child put their name on their dream.
4. Pray for your children- You must cover your children. Pray for them.

Homework

1. Every parent, write a simple note to every one of your child's teachers. Explain to them in your note that you expect greatness from your child. Ask how you can partner with your child's teachers so that he/she can achieve greatness. Give them your contact information. Also include in the letter that you would like to know when things are not going well and when they are going well. This will send the message to the teacher that you mean business as it concerns your child's education. Secondly, it will send a message to your children that you are watching. Every teacher should have a letter by the end of the month.
2. Ask your child **every day** "How was your day?" No matter what the response is, you want your child to get in the habit of talking to you. You as the parent want to get in the habit of listening. Listen to them with your ears, eyes, and heart.
3. Ask your child what his/her dream is. Write their dream on a piece of paper in big bold letters (e.g., lawyer, journalist, or obstetrician). Place it on the ceiling above their bed with 4 thumbtacks, so that it is the first thing they see every morning when they wake up and the last thing they see when they go to bed. Also, post each child's dream on the refrigerator door, so that your family and friends can support your children as they pursue their dreams.
4. Partner with a parent and on the first Sunday of every month, call your parenting partner and ask them if they sent their notes to the teacher(s), ask how their conversations are going with their child when they ask them "how is your day?", and lastly ask them what can you do to support them on this journey of parenting. Do this for the next 12 months. We have to parent as a community.

SAMPLE LETTER TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

Dear (insert teacher's name),

I am _____'s father, his mother and I expect greatness. How can we partner with you, his teacher, so that he will achieve greatness? We want him to have a great school year. Let us know if you have any concerns and also let us know when things are going well.

My cell phone number is _____. My email address is _____.

Thank you!