

# Super 5

## Back-to-School Power Moves



### Dear Teacher,

As you know, parents are key to helping students start the school year strong. The enclosed **Super 5: Back-to-School Power Moves** gives you resources with tips and information to share with your families, including the **Readiness Check**, a new (free) interactive tool to help parents get a gut check on how prepared their child is for this year.

#### What's enclosed:



A **poster** with space for your parent conference/event dates. (Hang it on your parent or news bulletin board, in a hallway, in the library, etc.)



An **English/Spanish parent take-home resource**, “Back-to-School Facts for Families,” with information about the **Readiness Check**, a new (free) interactive tool to help parents see how their child has learned foundational skills needed for this year.



Links to **free activities, games, and videos** to help parents support what you teach in the classroom at home as well.

BACKPACK AND SUPPLIES—CHECK! WHAT'S LEFT TO DO FOR BACK TO SCHOOL?



THE 'READINESS CHECK'—A QUICK MATH AND READING REVIEW FROM LAST YEAR. WE'LL SHARE IT WITH YOUR NEW TEACHER TO GET SUPPORT RIGHT FROM THE START!

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## READINESS CHECK

Want a gut check on how ready your child is for the new school year?

Go to [belearninghero.org](http://belearninghero.org) for the Readiness Check, a new (free) interactive tool developed by leading experts in math and reading, to see how your child has learned foundational skills needed for this year.

### 1 Get a Gut Check

Use the **Readiness Check** to see how prepared your child is for their new grade. Pay attention to how easy or hard it is for them to do grade-level tasks, and look at the annual state test results from last year. If you haven't received the results yet, ask your child's teacher.

### 2 Partner Up

At your first teacher meeting, bring your child's state test results and ask what they mean for this year. Find out what's expected of your child and how you can help at home. Help the teacher get to know your child by sharing their interests and strengths as well. You can also share what you learned from the **Readiness Check**.

### 3 Make It Fun

You are the expert on your child and can help make learning exciting! Read together, choosing topics that interest your child. Find math in everyday life and turn it into a game. These small learning moments add up to a lot!

### 4 Celebrate Effort

Help your child see that hard work is what leads to success. Focus on effort and what your child is learning. This will help your child feel less nervous about new tasks or subjects.

### 5 Support Life Skills

Strengths such as communication, problem-solving, and confidence will help your child in school and life. Talk openly with your child about how they feel and how they handle situations, especially the tough ones.

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conference/Event Dates:

Go to [belearninghero.org](http://belearninghero.org) for the **Readiness Check** and more!

# Back-to-School Facts for Families

Share these **three important facts** with your families to help them start the year strong.



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## You have several ways to know how your child is progressing.

Last spring, your child took a state test to measure how well they met grade-level expectations.

The test reflects classroom material, and—along with grades, teacher feedback, and your observations at home—can help you understand how prepared your child is to learn new skills this year. You can also go to [belearninghero.org](http://belearninghero.org) for the **Readiness Check**, a new interactive tool that takes about 10 minutes and helps you see how ready your child is for this year.

It also connects you to skill-specific resources to practice at home.

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## Life skills matter in and out of school.

Life skills like communication, problem-solving, and confidence will help your child achieve in school and life. You can model these at home and pay attention to how your child is reacting to situations in and out of school. By sharing these observations with your teacher, you help them better support and motivate your child in the classroom.

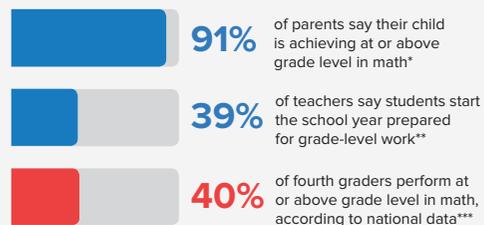
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## The path to success starts now.

The future may seem far away, but getting there starts with understanding what your child needs now to be prepared down the line. Stay up-to-date on your child's strengths and areas for growth, and talk about the importance of working hard in school so they can reach their goals.

## HOW IS YOUR CHILD PROGRESSING?

In order for parents and teachers to best support students, it's important to start with an accurate picture of their progress.



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\* Learning Heroes Survey and Report, *Parents 2017: Unleashing Their Power and Potential*.

\*\* Scholastic Teacher and Principal School Report, 2016.

\*\*\* National Assessment of Educational Progress, 2017.