



## College Readiness: What can you do to prepare for success?

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### *The Big Three*

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**Build literacy skills** Reading, writing, building reading comprehension, improving vocabulary (all aspects of literacy development) are all critically important for college success. Reading often and engaging with a variety of types of text starting at a young age can help. Being purposeful to build literacy skills throughout childhood and adolescence can improve college success.

**Build information/evidence critiquing skills** One of the most important skills students need to be successful in college is to be a critical consumer of information. In this era of information overload help children and adolescents determine if evidence is credible. Ask: Is this source credible? How do I know? What information supports it? Argues against it? (Note-taking is a sub-area of evidence critiquing—learning to take good notes from class and texts is also an important part of college).

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**Self-management** Another critically important skill for success for college and beyond is the ability to manage one's life—one's time, one's stuff, one's obligations and so on. We know as adults how challenging this can be, but these are skills that can be taught and improved.