When your child is under the weather

Time in school increases success

• A few missed days a month adds up to several school weeks missed a year.

• Even excused absences can make it more difficult for a child to keep up in school.

• Kindergarten + 1st grade are critical educational years for a child. Missing school during these early years makes it more difficult for children to learn in later years, and they often have trouble reading by the end of third grade.

• Children should attend school unless they are truly sick.

• Use a thermometer to check for fever.

• Call the school as soon as you know a sick child will be absent.

• If a child must miss school, make sure homework assignments are requested.

• For children with a chronic disease, make sure school staff understand how to assist.

• Ask medical providers for appointments when school is not in session.

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