About U.S. Teachers
On average, teachers work more than 52 hours a week, including 30 hours on instruction and 22 hours on tasks like preparing lessons and grading papers.

At the same time, teachers work with an average of more than 20 students per class; as well as work with new students each school year.

And the average annual base salary of a full-time public school teacher is $53,100.

Every day in schools across the country, teachers touch the lives of millions of children, and their work and impact extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom.

When Families are Engaged and Partner with Teachers
Students attend school more regularly, earn better grades, enroll in higher-level programs, have higher graduation rates, and are more likely to enroll in post-secondary education.

One prominent study found that, students are 10 times more likely to improve in math and 4 times more likely to improve in reading than students who attend schools without effective family engagement.

In fact, family engagement can raise student academic achievement so significantly that schools would need to spend an additional $1,000 per pupil to receive the same academic results.

How Can Families Effectively Partner With and Support Teachers
- **Develop** a relationship with your child’s teacher and keep in touch with him/her often
- **Ask** the right questions
- **Set** goals with your child and his/her teacher and foster the achievement of those goals
- **Review** your child’s data to ensure he/she is on track
- **Look** in your child’s backpack every day
- **Frequently** view the parent portal (or whichever tool your child’s school uses)
- **Actively** participate at school when possible

Unlike other careers in which the same method can be applied time and time again, teaching requires an individualized approach as each student learns differently and has a different set of circumstances.