

Kiwanis

BRING UP GRADES



PARENT/GUARDIAN GUIDE

WHAT IS BRING UP GRADES?

Bring Up Grades (BUG) is a recognition program that helps students improve their grades — or maintain them for a grading period. Students work with their teacher and a "goal buddy" to set their goal and come up with actions they can take each week to achieve success.

Students who consistently get good grades can also participate in BUG. They can be goal buddies to students who are struggling with a subject. Or they can challenge themselves by taking advanced classes if they are offered at the school.

When participants reach their academic goal, the entire class celebrates. A sponsor handles the cost of the celebration. The sponsor is often a local Kiwanis club. Kiwanis is an international volunteer organization whose mission is to serve the children of the world.

HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS?

Make sure your student understands the program. The teacher will look at the progress your student makes toward a goal and reward your student for their efforts. Your student may also be praised or rewarded for supporting other students in the class for reaching their goals. Studies show that peer mentoring builds confidence, empathy and self-compassion.

ASK ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S GOALS.

Find out if they are making progress toward their goals. Share examples from your own life regarding what you have done or seen others do to achieve goals. If your student is stuck, help brainstorm other things they can try.

PRAISE & RECOGNIZE YOUR STUDENT.

If they receive recognition from their teacher that can be displayed, display it. Take a picture of your student and post it on social media so your friends and family can recognize them. If their goal buddy makes progress, recognize that too. When students help their peers succeed, it is a sign of a compassion and caring.

HELP THEM WHEN THEY ARE NOT RECOGNIZED.

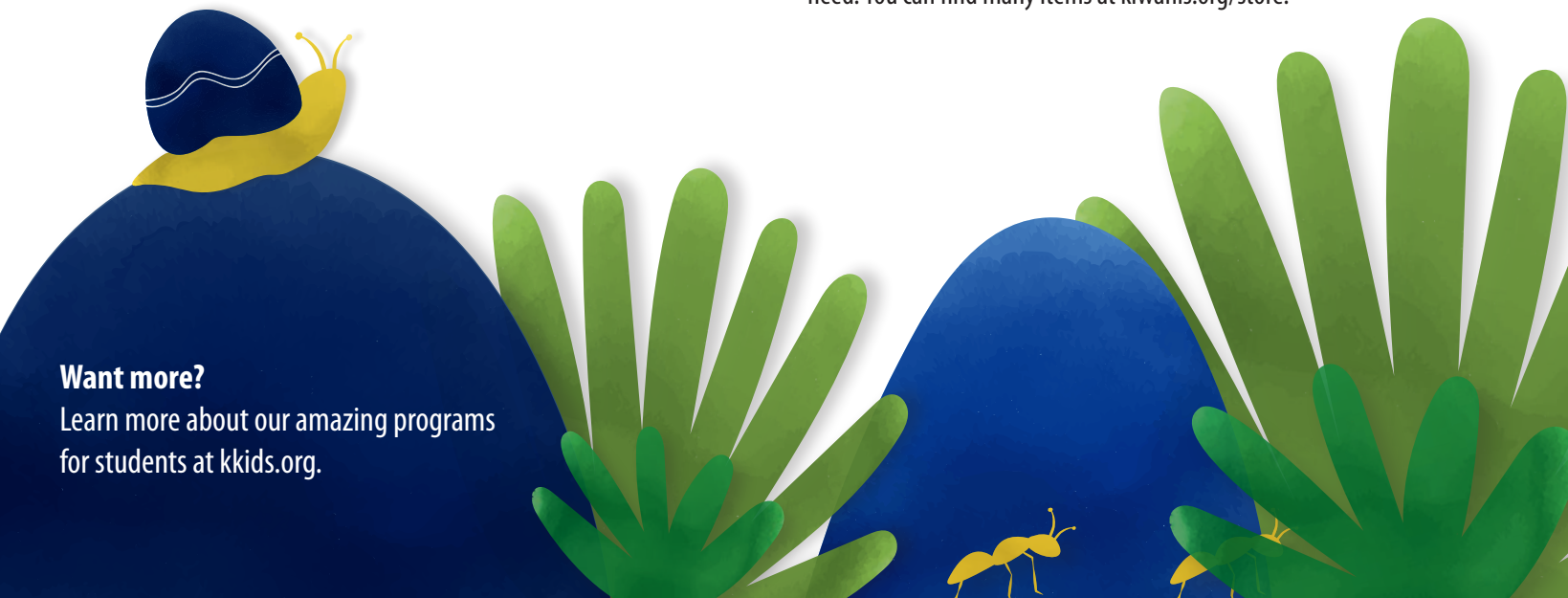
Sometimes students struggle with their goals. Teaching your student to persevere is a skill that will help them throughout life. Ask what they might do to achieve a different outcome in the next grading period. Tell them how proud you are of the effort they've made and remind them of something they are good at doing.

HELP TEACHERS RECOGNIZE MORE STUDENTS.

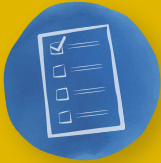
Teachers operate on limited budgets. If you want to help defray costs, ask the teacher what other support or BUG items the class might need. You can find many items at kiwanis.org/store.

Want more?

Learn more about our amazing programs for students at kkids.org.



STUDY TIPS



Make a list. Help your student list the things they need to get done and let them cross them off as they finish them.



Move before studying. The brain likes it when the body moves. Before your child sits down to study, encourage them to do something active like take a short walk or ride their bike.



Turn off electronics. Outside distractions make it hard for students to focus.



Give them a break. Every 20 to 30 minutes, have them get up and do a few jumping jacks, grab a glass of water or walk around your house. Short breaks recharge the brain's ability to focus.



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