

## **How Parents Can Help Their Children Do Well In School**

**This is a checklist of things parents can do to help their children learn:**

- **Read to your child.**
- **Listen to your child read.**
- **Play games with your child.**
- **Help your child get a library card from the public library. Encourage your child to go to the library as often as possible. Go to the library with your child. Help him or her pick out interesting books to read.**
- **Find out about activities for children that take place at your library.**
- **Talk to your child about subjects that are interesting to him or her.**
- **Listen to your child.**
- **Set aside a special reading time. Let your child know that you look forward to and enjoy your time together.**
- **Give your child his or her own place to keep books.**
- **Write notes to your child.**
- **Help your child write letters and notes.**
- **Encourage your child to keep a scrapbook about a subject that interests him or her: stamps, dogs, birds, trucks, etc.**
- **Limit your child's television watching and select certain shows to watch. Turn the television set on for the show and turn it off immediately after the show is over.**
- **Read and discuss your child's schoolwork.**
- **Provide materials such as crayons, art paper, and paints for creative projects.**
- **Give your child a calendar so he or she can write down special events and mark off each day.**
- **Help your child make a telephone directory with the names and phone numbers of his or her friends.**
- **Ask your child to add a sentence or two to letters you write to relatives.**
- **Give your child specific duties to perform on a regular basis at home.**
- **Let your child help you prepare dinner.**
- **Subscribe to a children's magazine.**
- **Bring books for your child to read in the car while you run errands.**
- **Show your child how to use a yardstick, ruler, and tape measurer for measuring things around the house.**
- **Show your child how to count change.**
- **Give your child a special place (box, dish pan, etc.) to keep items he or she must take to school each morning. This ends last minute searching for library books, papers, keys, etc., all of which can cause your child to be late for school.**
- **Show your child how to tell time.**