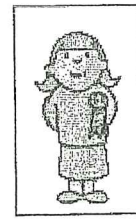


HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Parents can help their child make an easy transition to school in many ways. Here are a few suggestions to smooth the way.

1. Help your child learn to say his/her whole name— first and last. It will also help if he/she learns his/her telephone number and address.
2. Label your child's clothing so it is easily identified if lost.
3. Help your child to do as many self-help tasks as possible such as dressing, eating, taking care of toilet needs, tying own shoes, etc.
4. Set aside a place at home for your child to put notes from school, art work, and school work so that you can see them when you get home from work.
5. When sending money to school with your child, make sure to put it in a sealed envelope with the child's name, teacher's name, and what the money is for.
6. Give your child plenty of experiences— take him/her to the zoo, a fire station, a farm, science center, etc.
7. Be enthusiastic about school and school activities.
8. Give your child a chance to talk about himself and what interests him.
9. Answer your child's questions in a simple, direct way.
10. Praise your child's accomplishments.
11. Give your child responsibilities to develop a sense of independence.
12. Encourage your child to be friendly with other children.
13. Teach your child the correct names of persons and things.
14. Let your child know that you enjoy reading.
15. Provide materials similar to those in school— glue and glue sticks, paper, scissors, crayons, etc.
16. Insist that your child knows how to follow directions and pay attention.
17. Show your child that books are not the only kind of reading. Magazines, newspapers, menus, road signs, etc. are other sources of reading materials.
18. Follow your child's progress in school with interest.