

How Parents Can Help

Check this list of things parents can do to help their child learn:

- *Read to your child.
- *Count with your child.
- *Help your child recognize numbers and number order with a deck of cards.
- *Listen to your child read.
- *Play a game with your child.
- *Help your child get a library card from the public library nearest you. Encourage your child to go to the library as often as possible.
- *Go to the library with your child. Help him/her pick out an interesting book to read.
- *Talk to your child about subjects that are of interest to him or her.
- *Listen to your child.
- *Set aside a special "reading time." Let your child know that you look forward to this time together.
- *Let your child see you reading.
- *Give your child a special place to keep his or her school materials.
- *Write notes to your child.
- *Help your child write notes and cards.
- *Let your child see you writing, even if it is only a shopping list.
- *Encourage your child to start a scrapbook of something that interests him or her: stamps, baseball, dogs, flowers, etc.
- *Read and discuss your child's schoolwork.
- *Provide your child with materials such as crayons, markers, pencils and paper for projects.
- *Give your child a calendar so he or she can write down special events and mark off the days.
- *Help your child make a phone directory with the names and addresses of his or her friends.
- *Help you child look up number in the phone book or words in the dictionary.
- *Give your child certain responsibilities to perform at home on a regular basis.
- *Let your child help you prepare dinner.
- * When traveling, read road signs to your child and discuss what the signs mean with your child.
- *Let your child see you counting change.
- *Show your child how to tell time.
- *Encourage your child to practice writing his or her number and letters. I have found that allowing children to write numbers/letters in sand or snow is a great way to practice and fun. Also, using a dry erase marker on windows or mirrors is a great way to practice writing and it wipes right off.
- *Show excitement when talking about school and learning.