

The following are a few suggestions for ways to become actively involved in your child's school.....

- 1. Stay in contact with your child's school. Make sure you get a calendar of the dates for all progress reports, and review these progress reports with your child. Reward positive reports with lots of praise.**
- 2. NEVER NEVER speak badly about your child's school to your child. Work these issues out with the school. It is important for the child to see that parent and school are working together.**
- 3. Minimize the amount of time your child watches television. Spend time daily practicing math, reading, and/or writing. Speak with your child's teacher about practice materials they can offer, websites, etc.**
- 4. Ask your child about his/her day at school.**
- 5. Read to your child and/or make sure they read daily. Speak with the teacher or local librarian about materials that would be good for your child. If the child is a struggling reader, make sure that the reading materials are not too hard.**
- 6. Help your child with homework. If unable to assist your child with homework, maybe a family member or friend could assist.**
- 7. Occasionally volunteer in the school. There are many ways a parent can offer their talents and time to schools. The following are a few ideas:**

Paint scenery and build sets for the school play

- Join the PTSA**
- Chaperone a field trip**
- Speak at career day or help with organizing**
- Assist with organizing school dance or any school event**
- Help with the school newsletter, take pictures, etc**
- Assist with after school clubs**
- Volunteer with hall duty or lunch duty**
- Assist teachers in the classroom**
- Volunteer in the front office**
- Assist with art/music projects**

Any amount of time that you are willing to offer is always appreciated by the school! Please speak with school personnel about assistance that they could use.