

## What can I do at home to be involved in the educational process?

*Meaningful learning requires personal commitment and partnerships. The most important contributor outside the school is parents or guardians; their participation and interest are crucial to students' motivation and success.*

*Parents and guardians set a very important example. Work with your child. Support and praise your child. Talk often with your child's teacher. Your involvement will strengthen your child's achievement in school.*

### You can help by:

- praising your child's early and on-going attempts to write and spell and to encourage them to greater literacy as they grow older
- reading to and with your child
- taking time to discuss school experiences with your child
- providing a variety of reading, writing and artistic materials at home
- taking your child to the library, the museum, and cultural events
- modeling good reading and writing habits
- pointing out spelling patterns and unusual word features
- encouraging a homework routine and providing a quiet location
- modeling the value of attendance, punctuality, and perseverance
- celebrating success by praising your child for his/her accomplishments
- asking your child's teacher(s) for ways you can help
- stressing the importance and relevance of literacy and mathematics in everyday life and as paths to many careers. (For example, take your child shopping and compare prices, open a bank account, read and prepare a recipe, write a record of a trip which includes a journal and estimating times and distances)
- giving more responsibility as your child matures
- above all, give your child the most important form of support - your time