

Message to Families

When schools work together with families to support learning, children are inclined to succeed not just in school, but throughout life. The Florida Department of Education recognizes that a child's education is a responsibility shared by both schools and families during the entire period a child spends in school.

The following are just a few suggestions of the many ways you can be involved with your child's education:

- Contact your child's teacher early in the school year and maintain communication throughout the school year.
- Participate in parent/teacher conferences.
- Ask the teacher what your child is learning and how you can support this at home.
- Talk with your child daily about homework, classroom activities, and events.
- Learn about school policies and expectations so you can help your child understand them.
- Make efforts to stay informed of school and classroom events.
- Model behaviors and attitudes you expect from your child.
- Encourage and nurture your child's creativity.
- Be proactive in making the school aware of your support for your child's education.
- Talk with your employer about flex time so you can participate in school activities.
- Establish a daily family routine.
- Monitor out of school activities.
- Model the value of learning, self-discipline, and hard work.
- Express high, but realistic expectations for achievement.
- Encourage your child's development/progress in school.
- Encourage reading, writing, and discussions among family members.
- Be positive when talking with your child about school related activities.