

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

It is becoming increasingly evident that a child's school success depends on parent involvement. Students whose parents are involved in education are more motivated in school and more likely to achieve.

Parent involvement comes in many forms. The three most important aspects of parent involvement are becoming involved with your children, becoming involved with the teachers, and becoming involved with the school.

Involvement With Children:

- Spend time with children
- Listen to children
- Help with homework and oversee assignments
- Encourage reading in the home
- Talk with children about the school day
- Display children's school work in the home
- Share your values with your children

Involvement With Teachers:

- Schedule and attend parent/teacher conferences
- Communicate with teachers through phone calls and notes
- Ask teachers for advice on helping children at home
- Volunteer to help teachers on special projects
- Share special information with teachers
- Work together with the teacher to meet children's needs

Involvement With the School:

- Attend school functions
- Read the school newsletters
- Volunteer to help in the school
- Keep the school informed of work schedule or home changes
- Participate in community educational programs

ART AND YOUR CHILD

Art is more than a painting on the wall in the art museum or the strange sculpture on the Courthouse lawn. Art is a visual picture of the world which represents history, individual expression, and creativity. Art is an important aspect of a child's education both at school and in the home.

Parents can support children's artistic exploration in the home in many ways.

1. Display enthusiasm about various types of art.
2. Visit art fairs, museums, and children's exhibits.
3. Provide art materials for your child.
4. Provide a special place to work where messiness is not a problem.
5. Display finished artwork.
6. Discuss possible ideas for future artwork.
7. Praise your child for originality and creativity.
8. Suggest experimenting with different art media.
9. Enroll you child in art classes if he/she is interested.
10. Relate art to a child's experience. A child who loves the sea may enjoy paintings of seascapes.

Art can help children become better learners by understanding the world around them. Encourage your child to enjoy art by expressing thoughts and feelings through the world of art.

" A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops."
Henry Adams