

PARENT TIPS

TEACH YOUR CHILD TO:

- Know full name, address, and phone number
- Care for toilet needs
- Put on and take off clothing and coats
- Zip and button clothing
- Use and dispose of tissue
- Cover coughs and sneezes



ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO:

- Put away toys and other possessions
- Take turns
- Listen when others are talking
- Express himself/herself verbally



HELP YOUR CHILD BY:

- Providing a nutritious meal before school
- Encouraging independence in doing things
- Giving small responsibilities at home
- Encouraging outdoor play with other children
- Being selective in television/movie viewing
- Reading to him/her
- Providing a place to display school work
- Arranging for adequate sleep

HELPING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Talk about school as a pleasant and happy experience.

Reassure your child by telling him/her what he/she will be doing and what it will be like.

Help your child learn his/her teachers' names and refer to them by name, instead of "your teacher."

Display your child's work and creations in your home.

Encourage the use of common manners: i.e., please, thank you, I'm sorry, excuse me.

Encourage your child to share his/her preschool experiences, but do not be alarmed if your child cannot answer, "what did you do today?" immediately following school.

You can use the Daily Report your child brings home to encourage discussion about his/her day at school.