

Dear Mom,

You can help your child learn! Below are some ideas on how to be involved in your child's education. In addition to spending time together, you are helping your child to learn. Your time and effort are valuable to your child. Being involved with your child shows them that you think school is important and that you value your child's efforts at school.

** Look over your child's schoolwork daily. It gives you an opportunity to learn what is happening at school and what your child is learning. Sit down with him/her and give them your full attention. Discuss their work, not just look at the paper quickly.

** Establish a regular routine for homework and designate a place for all materials to be kept for doing homework. By doing so you can help your child develop a sense of responsibility about school. Set aside a regularly scheduled time of day. It is better to practice daily for 10-15 minutes than once a week for an hour.

** Providing reading activities at home will help your child be a more successful reader. It will also show your child that you value reading. Reading aloud together is a wonderful way to create a love for reading in your child. And it helps your child become a better reader! A child is never too old to be read to!

** When your child needs extra practice on schoolwork, these suggestions can make the experience more successful.

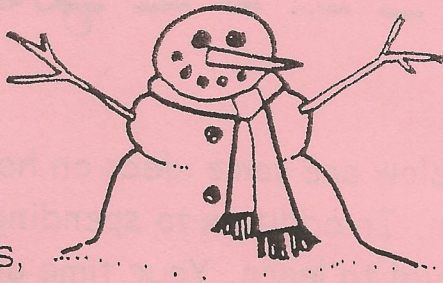
* Sneak in extra practice whenever you can. Try practicing math facts while riding in the car or waiting in line.

* Take turns playing "teacher" to make practice more fun.

* Reward progress to make learning fun. As your child makes progress, provide occasional rewards.



At-Home Learning Activities for Winter



Dear Parents,

Extend the classroom into your home. Post these winter learning activities on a bulletin board or refrigerator. Let your child choose an activity and color a mitten when it is completed.

Draw a picture about your favorite book.

Make place cards for your family. Write the name of each person in your family on a card. Decorate the card. Put a card at each place at the table.

Make a weather chart. Draw a weather symbol on the calendar for each day.

rain sun clouds snow



Make a colorful picture of yourself on a winter day.

Read for 15 minutes.

Draw a picture of your favorite foods to eat for lunch.

List 10 different kinds of fruit. Write the words in ABC order.

Make a greeting card about winter or a holiday. Give it to someone.

Play a game with someone in your family.

Start a postage stamp collection. Save the stamps from your mail. Soak the stamps in water to remove them. Paste your stamp collection on paper in a notebook.

Have fun with cookie cutters. Trace along the edge of a cookie cutter on paper. Cut out the shape. Make a card or bookmark. Decorate it to look like a cookie.

BIRTH