

## **Ways to Motivate Your Child to Learn**

- Emphasize positive attitudes and values - honesty, fairness, respect for teachers, respect for the rights of others. Be sure that you set a good example by demonstrating these values.
- Have regular talk sessions where family members share their interests, problems and activities. Listen to your child's questions and ideas. Show respect for her thoughts and feelings.
- Organize household schedules and responsibilities. Everyone should have at least one regular "chore" to finish on time.
- Take time every day - right after school at supper or before bedtime - to talk with your child about school.
- Support your child's interests. If he likes music, for example, encourage him to join the school band, or go to the library and borrow a book on the subject.
- Visit zoos, museums and historic sites. Attend concerts, plays and other events.
- Talk with your child about the future. Help her understand that schoolwork is preparation for her future.
- Subscribe to a children's magazine. Use it yourself to find ideas for educational games and rainy-day activities.
- Help your child develop a personal library. Give books as presents. Teach him to take pride in his books.
- Take pride in your child's schoolwork. Hang it on the refrigerator. Send samples to relatives. Keep schoolwork in a scrapbook. You and your child will enjoy seeing how she has progressed.