

# Additional Resources for Parents

## More Books for Adults:

Developmental Profiles Pre-Birth through Eight, 3rd Edition, by K. Eileen Allen & Lynn R. Marotz

Ages and Stages: Developmental Descriptions & Activities Birth Through Eight Years, by Karen Miller

Making Make-Believe: Fun Props, Costumes, and Creative Play Ideas by MaryAnn F. Kohl

The Book of New Family Traditions: How to Create Great Rituals for Holidays and Everyday by Meg Cox

The Complete Book of Activities, Games, Stories, Props, Recipes, and Dances for Young Children by Pam Schiller

## More Books for Children:

It's Okay To Be Different by Todd Parr

Billy and the Big New School by Laurence Anholt

Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett

Do You Want to be My Friend? by Eric Carle

School Bus by Donald Crews

Time for School, Nathan! by Lulu Delacre

Leo the Late Bloomer by Robert Kraus

Red Day, Green Day by Edith Kunhardt

Curious George Goes to School by H.A. Rey

Little Tiger Goes to School by Julie Sykes

This Little Light of Mine adapted by Rachel Lisberg

Bein' With You This Way by W. Nikola-Lisa

What Makes Me Happy? by Catherine and Laurence Anholt

10 Little Rubber Ducks by Eric Carle

Little Cloud by Eric Carle

The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats

In My Family/En Mi Familia by Carmen Lomas Garza

Families by Ann Morris

Doodler Doodling by Rita Golden Gelman

The Listening Walk by Paul Showers

The Toolbox by Anne Rockwell

1001 Questions and Answers by Dorling Kindersley

# How can I tell that my child's school is ready to serve kindergarteners?

## The qualities to look for in your child's school:

- **Recognize Families as Partners**

Families are an integral part of a child's life. You know your child best and have information that can promote continuity between your child's early experiences and kindergarten.

- **Share Leadership**

Schools and kindergarten programs that invite input in decision-making are more likely to meet the needs of communities and families.

- **Provide Comprehensive and Responsive Services**

School staff should collaborate with the family to focus on the full range of needs that a child may have. Services should be in place to meet social service needs, educational needs and health needs.

- **Support Culture and Home Language**

Services should be consistent with the home culture of the child and communication should be provided in the home language.

- **Provide Good Communication**

The school should work closely with families to communicate expectations about kindergarten at the beginning of the year and in an ongoing way to make sure that parents are informed about what happens during the school day.

- **Provide Appropriate Care and Education**

Kindergarten programs should be developmentally, individually and culturally appropriate for five-year-olds.

- **Conduct an Evaluation of Partnership Success**

Home, school and community partners should document their efforts and use evaluation information to improve policies, programs and practices.

- Adapted from the Southeastern Regional Vision for Education

## 101 Ways To Connect with your Child

\* Wow \* Way To Go \* Super \* You're Special \* Outstanding \* Excellent \* Great \* Good \* Neat \* Well Done \* Remarkable \* I Knew You Could Do It \* I'm Proud Of You \* Fantastic \* Super Star \* Nice Work \* Looking Good \* You're On Top Of It \* Beautiful \* Now You're Flying \* You're Catching On \* Now You've Got It \* You're Incredible \* Bravo \* You're Fantastic \* Hurray For You \* You're On Target \* You're On Your Way \* How Nice \* How Smart \* Good Job \* That's Incredible \* Hot Dog \* Dynamic \* You're Beautiful \* You're Unique \* Nothing Can Stop You Now \* Good For You \* I like You \* You're A Winner \* Remarkable Job \* Beautiful Work \* Spectacular \* You're Spectacular \* You're A Darling \* You're Precious \* Great Discovery \* You've Discovered The Secret \* You Figured It Out \* Fantastic Job \* Hip, Hip, Hurray \* Bingo \* Magnificent \* Marvelous \* Terrific \* You're Important \* Phenomenal \* You're Sensational \* Super Work \* Creative Job \* Super Job \* Fantastic Job \* Exceptional Performance \* You're A Real Trooper \* You Are Responsible \* You Are Exciting \* You Learned It Right \* What An Imagination \* What A Good Listener \* You Are Fun \* You're Growing Up \* You Tried Hard \* You Care \* Beautiful Sharing \* Outstanding Performance \* You're A Good Friend \* I Trust You \* You're Important \* You Mean A Lot To Me \* You Make Me Happy \* You Belong \* You've Got A Friend \* You Make Me Laugh \* You Brighten My Day \* I Respect You \* You Mean The World To Me \* That's Correct \* You're A Joy \* You're A Treasure \* You're Wonderful \* You're Perfect \* Awesome \* A Plus Job \* You're The Best \* A Big Hug \* A Big Kiss \* I Love You!