

## Ways to help Your Child Love Learning

- Let them see you reading -- and enjoying it!
- Create your own bookclub with your child. Spend a few days every week to discuss your thoughts regarding the book.
- Share with your child literature you have around the house: point out articles in the newspaper or in magazines that you think might interest him/her, browse the book reviews in the Sunday paper together, find ideas for new books that sound good...
- Encourage your child to take his/her writer's notebook everywhere so he/she can jot down interesting tidbits all the time!
- Give a magazine subscription related to an area of interest as a gift to your child. There are magazines for every interest! Call a librarian or bookstore for ideas.
- Encourage your child to write to vent anger, frustrations, and confusion -- to use writing to help think about and sort through problems.
- Get your child a journal to write about his/her dreams.
- Take your child to the Tattered Cover, Barnes and Noble, or Borders Books and Music on a Saturday night to browse books, and have dessert! Help him/her find books that really excite him/her. Browse the young adult, biography, poetry, fiction, nonfiction, travel writing, humor, and other special interest sections that your child may like!
- Encourage your child to write well-crafted e-mails or letters to faraway friends and family.
- Encourage your child to write gifts for friends and family (a poem for Dad's birthday, a story for Grandma and Grandpa...).
- When a current events issue has really got your child stirred up, help him/her write a letter to the local paper voicing his/her opinion. These sorts of letters are a great way to practice essay writing.

- Help your child seek publication for an outstanding piece of writing. There are a lot of magazines and web sites that publish young writers' work!
- Have your child shadow someone you know who has a math related job for a day so he/she can see how math has an infinite amount of real-life applications.
- Encourage your child to create a math game and play it together.
- Go to the grocery store with your child and set the budget. Then, have your child estimate the total amount of groceries.
- Follow the stock market. Explain how the stock market works and then have your child pick three stocks to follow over the course of two months.