

## **TRANSITION TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS**

- 1. DON'T BE ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR CHILD GOING TO MIDDLE SCHOOL. TALK ABOUT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE IN A POSITIVE WAY! YOUR CHILD IS CAPABLE OF HANDLING MIDDLE SCHOOL. EMPOWER HIM OR HER BY LETTING THEM KNOW THIS.**
  
- 2. HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP AN ORGANIZATIONAL STRATEGY.**
  - A. DESIGNATE A STUDY SPACE AND SET A CONSISTENT STUDY TIME.**
  - B. BUY YOUR CHILD THE NECESSARY FOLDERS AND BINDERS TO STAY ORGANIZED.**
  - C. CONDUCT A WEEKLY CLEAN-UP OF THEIR BINDERS AND BACKPACK.**
  - D. PREPARE FOR THE WEEK/DAY AHEAD.**
  - E. PROVIDE HELP AND SUPPORT WHILE YOUR CHILD IS LEARNING TO BECOME MORE ORGANIZED.**
  
- 3. UTILIZE YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S RESOURCES.**
  - A. EXPLORE YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE WITH YOUR CHILD.**
  - B. YOU WILL FIND LINKS TO TEACHERS' EMAIL ADDRESSES.**
  - C. HOME ACCESS PROVIDES YOU INFORMATION ON GRADES AND PROGRESS. BE SURE TO SIGN UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE.**
  
- 4. TALK ABOUT SOCIAL SKILLS. TALK ABOUT TRAITS THAT MAKE A GOOD FRIEND. DISCUSS HOW WORDS AND ACTIONS CAN AFFECT OTHER PEOPLE. PRACTICE SKILLS NEEDED FOR DIFFICULT SOCIAL SITUATIONS.**
  
- 5. OPENLY COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD. KEEP THE LINES OF COMMUNICATION OPEN BETWEEN YOUR CHILD AND SCHOOL STAFF. BE INFORMED, LISTEN AND TALK TO YOUR CHILD.**
  
- 6. ATTEND PARENT-TEACHER NIGHTS AND OTHER EVENTS WHERE YOU CONNECT WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHERS AND SCHOOL STAFF.**
  
- 7. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO GET INVOLVED IN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES. HAVE THEM JOIN A TEAM, CLUB OR OTHER EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY.**
  
- 8. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO TOUR THE BUILDING. ATTEND ORIENTATION MEETINGS, MEET THE TEACHERS NIGHT, AND OPEN HOUSE.**
  
- 9. CALL THE SCHOOL TO CONFIRM DATES ON SCHOOL EVENTS.**