

## **Promote a Good Beginning**

### **Establish a Trustful Relationship with the School**

- Learn the school environment
- Know the people that interact with your child

### **Portray a Positive Attitude Toward the School Experience**

- Show by actions and comments that you are confident
- Treat 'starting school' as a natural step
- Model that change is an exciting and expected part of life
- Expect good experiences to come from this new avenue

### **Establish a Routine for the Family**

- Plan well in advance and stick to the structure you create
- Plan for plenty of sleep
- Provide meals as a family at home
- Provide time for talk to occur without distractions

### **School Arrival**

- Be on time
- Join others in assigned places to generate security of belonging
- Reassure with a hug, smile, etc. - avoid goodbyes that generate uncertainty

### **Follow Procedures**

- School procedures should be observed to establish a purposeful environment
- Safety of children is a staff commitment

### **Communication**

- Send notes to the classroom teacher to clarify any changes or concerns within the family
- Request to meet if there is a matter with which you need help or clarification

### **Get Involved**

- Join the Parent Teacher Organization, volunteer to read to your child's class, or even stop by for lunch when you can
- Follow Madison County Schools on Facebook and Twitter
- Download the MCS app in iTunes or Google Play store