

Parent September Newsletter

Fall is just around the corner, and the routine of the school year is well under way. As a parent, you play an important role in your child's education. Look for opportunities to become involved at your child's school. Talk with your child's teacher about upcoming events and activities where you can volunteer. This lets your child know you are committed to his education.

In addition to becoming involved at your child's school, talk with your child's teacher about ways you can work together to help your child achieve goals for this school year. Your child's teacher will be able to suggest activities and programs that may strengthen your child's learning. Suggestions for questions you can discuss with your child's teacher are found below.

- What will my child learn this year?
- What learning goals will we set together?
- What programs should my child be involved in at school?
- How much homework will my child have?
- What supports are available to me as I assist my child with homework?
- How can I be involved in my child's learning?

Some additional suggestions for how to communicate with your child's teacher can be found at <http://www.pbs.org/parents/education/going-to-school/parent-involvement/talking-with-teachers/>.

In addition to talking with your child's teacher about setting goals, also remember that September is National Preparedness Month. Because emergencies and disasters can happen at any time, it is important to be prepared to ensure the safety of you and your family. Review your family's emergency plan by discussing the following questions.

- Does my child know what to do in case of an emergency?
- Does my family have an emergency supply kit?
- What does my child need to know about natural disasters?
- Does my child know how to get in touch with family members if we are not together when an emergency occurs?

Preparing for emergencies can bring peace of mind, and readiness activities are a great, interactive way to spend time with your family. It is important to discuss with family members what to do before a disaster or emergency happens. A helpful guide for discussing different emergency situations with your child can be found in [Disney's Mickey And Friends Disaster Preparedness Activity Books](#).



<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>