

## **Motivating Your Child**

### **Let Your Child See That You Value Learning**

*Parents often tell children how important school is. But sometimes kids dismiss what we say. This happens when we don't "practice what we preach." We say we value learning...but we don't show it. When children can see we value learning, they want to learn, too. You show you value learning when you:*

- **Stop whatever else** you may be doing and talk with children about what they're doing in school, what they like best, etc.
- **Read to your children** and ask them about their reading.
- **Discuss ideas**, the news and other things you learn.
- **Share opinions** on social and political change.
- **Wonder out loud** about scientific and other discoveries.
- **Research answers** to questions that come up.
- **Play educational games** like Monopoly and chess with your children.
- **Take pleasure in a hobby.**
- **Help children get involved** in hobbies and creative projects.
- **Continue to learn yourself.** You read books and go to the library. You watch educational TV programs and attend school programs for parents.