

September Asset of the Month

Commitment to Learning

Young people need a sense of the lasting importance of learning and a belief in their own abilities.

1. Achievement Motivation – Young person is motivated to do well in school.
2. School Engagement – Young person is actively engaged in learning.
3. Homework – Young person reports doing at least one hour of homework every school day.
4. Bonding to School – Young person cares about his or her school.
5. Reading for Pleasure – Young person reads for pleasure three or more hours per week.

Practical tips to show your commitment to learning to your children and to your neighborhood children

- ◆ Set aside 20 minutes each evening to read to your child or have your child read to you.
- ◆ Create a homework desk including dictionary, pens, pencils, paper, etc. where your child has the supplies he or she needs to complete his or her homework.
- ◆ Attend your child's "Open House" to meet your child's teacher.

- ◆ Attend a school function or event at least once a semester with your child in support of his or her school and his or her activities.
- ◆ Review your child's homework each night and point out the new facts and/or skills he or she is learning.
- ◆ Ask the sales clerk or cashier where you shop how he or she is doing in school.
- ◆ Help your neighborhood children set up a study group for after school.
- ◆ Organize a reading club for the neighborhood children; start by donating gently worn books your own children have outgrown.
- ◆ Arrange a family visit to the public library.