

## Helping Your Children Get Organized

- ❖ Provide a study place. If possible, have the following materials readily available:
  - calculator
  - graph paper and notebook paper
  - ruler with both metric and standard units
  - dictionary
  
- ❖ Many children need assistance in organizing and maintaining a notebook. Help them develop a system for organizing and maintaining notebook and notes.
  
- ❖ Help your children develop a system for writing down assignments, as well as keeping track of progress. Some schools provide student planners or assignment sheets, but that does not mean children use them consistently. Check to make sure that they are being used consistently and appropriately.
  
- ❖ Help your children develop a system for taking meaningful notes. Frequently, note taking is taught during class, so it may just be a matter of seeing if your children are taking and using notes.
  
- ❖ Encourage your children to identify study buddies or another math student they can call to work with on assignments, get clarification, find out about makeup work, etc. Some parents have established study teams and times so that students have planned opportunities to study together after school.
  
- ❖ Encourage and expect children to get work done on time, to stay caught up, to get help in a timely manner, and to correct errors in work. You may want to help children go over incorrect or incomplete work and talk about how the work could be improved.
  
- ❖ It is generally expected that middle school students know the basic

addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts as well as whole number computation. If your children are not proficient with these skills, help them master the needed skills.