

THE ABC'S OF HELPING YOUR CHILD (by Carole L. Riggs)

- A. Accept your child unconditionally.
- B. Believe in your child. Trust in his ability.
- C. Communicate with your child. Share ideas.
- D. Discuss things with your child.
- E. When parents enjoy with their children, children enjoy their parents.
- F. Find things of interest, to do together.
- G. Give your child responsibility which can be handled.
- H. Help your child with words of encouragement.
- I. Impress upon your child the vision of what is all around. Talk about the things you see, hear, taste, feel and smell.
- J. Join your child in fun activities.
- K. Keep from over identifying with your child. Don't try to live your life again with your child.
- L. Listen to your child. He needs someone to share thoughts and ideas.
- M. Model behavior you want to see in your child.
- N. Name things for your child. Labels are important.
- O. Observe the way your child goes about the tasks. Provide help when needed.
- P. Place your child. Help your child to do one thing at a time and do it well.
- Q. Question your child using question words. Such as who, what, where and when. Ask about stories or everyday things that happen.
- R. Read to your child every day.
- S. Spend time with your child.
- T. Take your child to the library on regular basis.
- U. Understand that learning is not always easy. Sometimes we all fail. We can learn from our mistakes.
- V. Value your child's school and teacher's. Your attitude will always be mirrored in your child.
- W. Write with your child. Encourage the youngster to write, even scribbles are important.
- X. X is often an unknown quantity. What else would you like to add to the list?
- Y. You are your child's most important teacher.
- Z. Zip it all up with love. Love gives zest to life.