

## **TIPS TO HELP YOUR CHILD PREPARE FOR KINDERGARTEN**

- **Emphasize that coming to school is not all play, but that *learning is fun and you come to school to learn.***
- **Students will have recess and organized PE each day. Games played in the classroom will focus on reading/math readiness skills and social development.**
- **Provide your child with consistent after-school arrangements and make sure your child clearly understands them.**
- **It is important that children be able to tie their shoes and zip their coat/jacket. If they cannot, please provide Velcro shoes. The rule is: *You must tie/zip, or get a friend to tie/zip for you.***
- **Place all notes or money in an envelope with your child's name, homeroom teacher's name, and a description of what information is enclosed.**
- **Label all school supplies and clothing with a permanent marker. Check the lost and found boxes in the Multi-Purpose Room to claim lost articles of clothing, backpacks, etc. Unclaimed articles are donated to charity.**
- **Read to your child daily. Research has proven that reading to children helps them become better readers.**
- **Help your child print his/her name with the first letter capitalized and all the other letters in lower case. Correct letter formations are included in this activity book.**
- **Provide paper, crayons, pencils, scissors, glue, etc. at home. Practice holding the writing instruments and scissors correctly. Also, practice cutting and gluing before school begins.**
- **Engage in conversation with your child almost as you would another adult.**
- **Praise your child for their work, for making an attempt to learn something new, and for good behavior.**
- **With materials purchased from your kindergarten supply list, your teacher will make your child a P.A.W.S folder at the beginning of the school year. Check the *P.A.W.S.* folder for communication, announcements, menus, homework, etc. when your child arrives home each day.**
- **If you have internet access, check your child's homeroom teacher's link at [www.cartervilleions.com](http://www.cartervilleions.com) for special information and photographs.**