Back to School Message

You will learn something everyday if you pay attention
-Ray Leblond

As the relaxed pace of summer comes to a halt and we get reoriented with our school routine and fall schedule of activity, challenge your child to learn something everyday and then come home to tell you about it! At the same time, you will be learning how your child is growing and developing as you see his experiences through his eyes. Set the stage to help your child highlight what he is learning everyday as he travels his educational journey at Dawson School.

Be sure to ask about his or her day. If you have several children, try to spend some time alone with each. Take advantage of car time to talk and listen to your child. Take walks or ride bikes together. Eat dinner together and talk about the day's events.

Sometimes you may hear about a new reading strategy that was taught, other days about how a word problem was solved during a math lesson. Your child may be discovering a favorite author and sharing his delight with that. Other times you may hear about a social dilemma. Your child may be seeing which peer is always a leader and which one likes to test the rules. Be a good listener, serve as a sounding board. Do not try to fix the problem; rather encourage your child to think of his own solutions to the problem.

Your child may ask "why do we need to learn this?" This provides a good opportunity to connect the concept with real life relevancy. Share with your child a time when you may have felt the same way and how it turned out. Be a role model for your child.
Be positive and supportive of school and your child's teachers. If you have a concern communicate early with your child's teacher.

Before we know it, the Fall Festival will be here. Always a delightful family event, a time for visiting with friends and neighbors I look forward to seeing our students having fun at this event. I always enjoy working at a booth myself. Please stop by and say hello. and remember to embrace the philosophy that you will learn something everyday if you pay attention!