Parent Handout for Family Involvement

What parents can do at home to promote school success:

- Communicate frequently with your child
  - Talk with your children about everything
  - Tell your child often that you want better opportunities and a better life for them
  - Ask questions about their day – know what is happening at preschool so you know the appropriate questions to ask
  - Reinforce going to school and on to college
  - Listen to your children who may be voicing concerns, joys and sorrows

- Be a positive role model
  - Model resilience and strength through your actions
  - Model taking risks and go the extra mile to support your young children
  - Use and value language other than English
  - Value and respect bilingualism

- Be supportive and loving
  - Provide support for successes and failures
  - Acknowledge when your children are doing something appropriate or good
  - Reinforce pride through language and culture
  - Assure your child that the whole family oversees and is connected to him/her

- Have appropriate expectations
  - Insist on family loyalty through values, practices and rituals
- Assign responsibilities, chores and roles in family
- Encourage children always towards improvement

  Teach your child
  - Teach your children to be flexible and persistent
  - Teach children equality in home and individual actions
  - Treat you child as an individual who is important and unique
  - Help you child to be able to cooperate and play with a variety of people
  - Provide activities where children are busy and successful