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**September 26th<sup>th</sup>:  
Scholastic Book  
Fair Begins!**

## Back To School Guide!

It's school time again and that means a lot of change for children and families. The thought of starting school again comes with mixed feelings. The carefree days of summer are gone however; going back to school can be exciting. Some children begin to feel anxious and nervous about beginning a new school year so talk to your child about their worries and reassure your children that they will be fine. Parents can help to ease the transition from home to school by following a few simple tips:

### Tips To Help Your Child Adjust!

<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content3/back.school.p.k12.4.html>

- ✓ **Get into the routine early.** Make sure lunches, backpacks, and clothes are ready the night before school. Create a homework center (not near a T.V.) stocked with supplies needed for homework. Make a special box for your children to place forms from school that need your attention. Have a large calendar visible to fill in events, vacation days, and schedules.
- ✓ **Become familiar with the school environment.** Become familiar and discuss school rules with your child. Drive by the school and review the route from your home. Talk about where the crossing guards are located and areas to take extra care. Remind your kids where you will be dropping them off and where you will be picking them up.
- ✓ **Adjust your clock.** About two weeks before school starts begin going to bed and getting up on a school schedule. Don't make plans for any big events or trips the weekend before school. Don't forget to check the bus schedule.
- ✓ **Celebrate the new school year.** This is a great tradition to start if you haven't already. Start the year off with a bang! The night before school starts turn dinner into a party with a special meal or throw a "Back to School" Party with cake, streamers, and hats. [For more party ideas click here.](#)

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## Getting Involved in Your Child's Education

When parents are involved in their child's education kids do better in school. Parental involvement can mean reading a book to your child, checking their homework, discussing your child's progress with their teacher, limiting TV on school nights, or simply just asking your child, "How was school today?" You must ask them everyday and become involved in your child's education to send the message that schoolwork is important and you expect them to learn. Here are some sites that will

help you to make a difference in your child's educational life:

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#### [Family Education](#)

This is a great site that offers families advice on a wide range of topics for all ages. The greatest part of the site is when they break down children by grade level and list skill builders by subject, milestones to expect, a section called you and the school, and school safety. It is such a wonderful resource that each grade level web page has a link going to this resource.

[Your Kindergartner](#)

[Your Third Grader](#)

[Your First Grader](#)

[Your Fourth Grader](#)

[Your Second Grader](#)

[Your Fifth Grader](#)

#### [KidsHealth](#)

This very comprehensive site is broken down into sections for parents, kids, and teens. It contains numerous articles on a whole range of topics from infections to emotions and behaviors. The articles are written so they are easily understood, up to date, and accurate. This site will help you to talk to your child about health related issues and/or their fears and anxieties. It is a great resource.

#### [Scholastic Families](#)

Scholastic has this great section of their website dedicated to families! They feature great articles on various subjects and have excellent sections called "Your School Age Child" and "Your Early Learner". In each of the areas they feature great activities to do with your child and some "five minute fun". Check out this wonderful site!

#### [Teachers and Families](#)

This is another great site with tons of articles on many topics. Most of the site is free to use however there are certain areas that are available to members only, so just be aware. They offer daily parenting tips, monthly features, and sections for parents of gifted and talented, special education, and preschool students.

[For a complete listing of resources in All Areas, click here!](#)

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### **Upcoming Events at Allen School**

Our calendar is full of so many great happenings at Allen! Here are just a few that are coming up!

- ***September 26—October 3 Scholastic Book Fair Begins!***
- ***September 26—2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Johnny Appleseed Day***
- ***September 30— No School***
- ***October 2—Evening Book Fair and Family Pizza Night***
- ***October 7—1<sup>st</sup> Grade Parent Informational Night***
- ***October 9— No School***

- **October 20—Picture Day**
- **October 31—Halloween Parties and Parade**

**REMINDER:**  
**JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>— 2 hour delay for staff in-service and No  
SCHOOL'S OUT in the morning!**

**[Check out the Allen School Calendar for a complete listing of all activities throughout the year!](#)**

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### **Supply Lists, Summer Reading, & Teacher Bios**

Don't forget, the school supply lists for each grade level are posted on their web pages. In addition, the required summer book is listed along with some activities for the book and check out the teacher biographies!

- ✓ **[Kindergarten](#)**
- ✓ **[1<sup>st</sup> Grade](#)**
- ✓ **[2<sup>nd</sup> Grade](#)**
- ✓ **[3<sup>rd</sup> Grade](#)**
- ✓ **[4<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)**
- ✓ **[5<sup>th</sup> Grade](#)**

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### **New Technology at Allen School**

The children are being exposed to new technology at Allen School—the Promethean Activboard! During Back to School night many parents came into the computer lab to try out this great new interactive technology and many more saw the boards in use for teacher's presentations. Here are some sites to help you learn more about the Activboard:

- **[About Promethean](#) *Learn about the company called Promethean who is the leader in interactive learning technology.***
- **[The Research](#) *"Here you can find details of a number of collaborative research projects that Promethean is involved in, working with specialist researchers to explore the impact of our Activboard technology in the classroom around the globe."***
- **[Case Studies](#) *Read testimonials from schools around the country who are using the Activboard technology***
- **[Video Showcase](#) *See how the Activboard works and how it can be used in the classroom!***

[For more on the Promethean Activboard click here!](#)

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