

## **Attendance affects academic success**

You may not think you're doing anything special when you help your child get ready for school each morning. It's just part of the daily routine. But think again. Experts say there's **NOTHING** more important to school success than regular attendance. Children who attend school regularly do better on reading and math tests than those who are frequently absent or tardy.

So, if your child's school attendance is routine for your family, congratulate yourself ! You are fulfilling a critical responsibility.

- \* Avoid scheduling medical appointments (when possible) or family vacations during school time.
- \* Be **ON TIME** for school ! Children do not like to be late, they do not want to have to go to the office for late passes **AND** it is disruptive to the classroom when a child enters late. Prayer, pledge and morning announcements are an important part of the start to the school day. Remind them of their responsibility to be on time.
- \* Make sure your child gets enough sleep so they come to school ready to learn.
- \* Most students like a "routine" and thrive in a consistent learning environment at school and at home..Set aside a place and a time for homework and review.