



# Tips on Getting Your Child Ready for School...

**W**elcome to the Hobbs Municipal Schools. Starting school is an exciting event for your child. It will probably mean some big changes in your child's life. This may include:

- ✓ First separation from home and family
- ✓ First steps to independence
- ✓ New feelings
- ✓ New friends
- ✓ New experiences

- Before school starts, teach your child to be safe. Be sure he/she knows:
  - ...First and last name
  - ...Parent's name(s)
  - ...Street address
  - ...Telephone number
- Choose the safest route to and from school or the bus stop. Walk it together several times and point out:
  - ...Traffic lights
  - ...Crosswalks
  - ...Driveways
- Tell your child to go directly to and from school. Don't stop to play or explore. **Never talk to strangers or get into a strange vehicle!!!**
- If you go with your child on the first day of school, arrive on time and leave cheerfully at the schoolroom door. Help your child **start each school day right.**
- To keep your child healthy, be sure he/she has 10-12 hours of sleep and a wholesome breakfast.
- Make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Please label clothing (such as coats and sweaters) with child's first and last name.
- If you send money to school with your child for milk or lunch, put it in an envelope and write his/her name and what the money is for on the outside. Put the envelope in a safe pocket.
- Get a physical and eye exam if possible to make sure he/she is healthy and ready for school.
- Remember to **SHARE THE EXCITEMENT OF STARTING SCHOOL!**