

## Helpful Hints for Parents of Gifted Students

- **Do** begin to increase your own knowledge and understanding about giftedness and intelligence - read, read, read!
- **Don't** expect or rely on the classroom teacher to do it all - it's not reasonable, it's not possible, it's not appropriate.
- **Do** ask your child to explain what and how he/she is learning...foster self-directedness and thinking skills.
- **Don't** expect your child to experience a completely different curriculum from the rest of the class on a day to day basis.
- **Do** look for ways to challenge your child to think more deeply, to work persistently and patiently, to revise, to be creative, and to aim for excellence.
- **Don't** assume your child isn't being challenged appropriately just because you don't see distinctly different assignments, textbooks, and resources coming home.
- **Don't** "push" too hard for too long or expect excellence at all times in all things.
- **Do** allow "down time" for your child to simply "BE" who he/she is becoming without expectations or judgments.
- **Do** listen to, enjoy, and love your gifted child. Help your child realize his/her full potential!

