

students. The better you understand your child.

- Get a map of the campus and take a walk in the spring or in the days just before school starts. Visit the office to get an OK for your exploration.
- Include a couple of your child's favorite spots in your memory about where things are.
- Take advantage of summer programs or open houses at school for incoming students. You'll get a relaxed atmosphere.
- Get a copy of your child's class schedule and note the classroom and bathroom on the map. If your child has trouble reading maps, if necessary—and note “landmarks” on the map. Demonstrate how far she can walk from the classroom to the bathroom.
- Get a copy of the student handbook and read the school's code of conduct, with particular attention to important rules. Ask the school principal for a copy.
- Sit with your child and explore the map together.
- Buy your child a lock for her locker. Practice opening and locking the lock.

