

## Back to School Tips!

- 1. Remind your child that teachers know that students may be nervous about the first day of school; they will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible. If your child seems nervous, ask them what they are worried about and help them problem-solve ways to master the new situation.
- 2. Point out the positive aspects of school starting to help your kids look forward to the first day of class. Talk about how they will see old friends and meet new ones, for example.
- 3. Create an environment that is homework friendly starting at a young age. Children need a consistent workspace in their bedroom or another part of the home that is quiet, without distractions, and promotes study.
- 4. Read all the information that comes home. It is important to know the policies of your child's school. Dress code, cell phone, student conduct and attendance policies are big ones.
- 5. Model the behavior you want your child to have. If you are stressed, they will be. If you show pride in our school district, they will too! Learning starts at home, this includes expectations of behavior, study habits, and just generally being a good person.
- 6. Talk to your children about being the change we want to see. Talk to the shy kid, the new kid, sit with someone new at lunch, pay someone a compliment just because. It costs nothing to be kind and show grace and you never know how it could help someone!
- 7. Talk to your children about respect for school staff. They are there to educate and care for your child in the best possible way and are well trained to do so. We all want the same things and are on the same team!
- 8. The best source of information about Winslow schools are our website, Facebook page, and staff. When in doubt, reach out!

Here is to an amazing school year! Winslow Proud!