

Dear Parents,

Some people seem to fit more things into a day than the rest of us. I know that time management has always been a problem for me. No, these people have not found a way to stop the clock—they have learned to use their time more efficiently. I found these tips that might be helpful to you.

- Use time in the car with your child, or other pockets of time, to squeeze in a little more learning. Your child can not write an essay in the car --- but conversation can take place about what will be written.
- Set priorities by deciding what is most important to you. Then consciously decide how to spend the time with your child. Make sure your decisions reflect what matters. Have a choice between cooking a fancy dinner or reading with your child? Order a pizza and read a book.
- Spend one-on-one time. Kids need both quality and quantity time with you. There is nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special. Every week, make appointment to spend time alone with each of your children. Get out the calendar and write it in. Then treat that appointment as seriously as you would an important business meeting.

I will be in my room Monday, May 6, 2013, from 6:15 PM until 6:45 PM. (This is PTT/SAT meeting night.) If you have any concerns or suggestions as to how I can better serve you child more productively, please come to see me. I can also be reached by phone during the school day if that is more convenient. My goal is to help your child be successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Donna Johnson