

## What would you do?

Read one or more of the situations listed below and then reflect on these questions using the back page of your handout:

- What concerns would you have if this was your child?
- What questions could I ask my child's teacher?

### **Situation 1: Friends in Preschool**

Crystal is four years old and has been in her preschool for three months. She likes to go to preschool and talks about her teacher and her friends every day when she comes home. She likes preschool so much that most days when she is picked up, she runs away from her parent or hides in the classroom hoping she will be able to stay longer. Most days her parent has to pick up her and carry her out of the classroom crying because she isn't ready to leave. For the last month, the teacher has told the parent that the child likes to spend time with the other children but has a hard time listening to the other children's words. For example, sometimes Crystal gets so excited she hugs her friend and won't let go even when the friend starts crying. Other times Crystal will walk up to a group of friends and take away some of the toys they are playing with and will not return them even if they ask her to.

### **Situation 2: Homework in Fourth Grade**

Jorge is nine years old, in the fourth grade, and likes school and his teacher. The teacher assigns homework each night. The children are supposed to write down the homework in an agenda book and do the homework each night. Every night, Jorge's parents ask what he has for homework. Most days he forgets his agenda book and says he did his homework in class. Other days he brings his homework home but refuses to complete it. He will yell and fight and would rather go to his room than to do his homework. At the end of the week, Jorge brings home a folder with any tests he has taken that week. Many times, the test scores are very low. Jorge tells his parents there isn't enough time to finish the tests.