



The following resources are available to parents as well as to school staff to help students succeed in school

Adopt-A-Classroom: Adopt-A-Classroom invites the community into the classroom in support of teachers and their students. By adopting a classroom, donors form partnerships with specific classrooms providing financial and moral support. The result is a meaningful contribution to education in which donors experience the impact of their efforts and celebrate in a classroom's success.

<http://www.adoptaclassroom.com/>

Culture Shock Miami: Did you know that the cultural scene in Miami-Dade offers dozens of fun and exciting performances and exhibitions every week of the year? For just **\$5**, high school and college students (ages 13-22) can experience incredible cultural activities with that unique Miami style? Now, you can go, see and enjoy theater, dance, music, art exhibitions and festivals year-round and we make it easy and affordable for you to enjoy them! <http://www.cultureshockmiami.com/>

DESTINATION SUCCESS: Destination Success is a free online interactive web educational program designed for K-12 to help students in Math, Language Arts, Science, and Social Studies. To access, please visit <http://theparentacademy.dadeschools.net/>. Use student's ID for both username and password.

DIAL-A-TEACHER ON-LINE is a "FREE" service provided by **Miami-Dade County Public Schools** in cooperation with the **United Teachers of Dade** and **WLRN-TV**. **DIAL-A-TEACHER ON-LINE** offers homework help in most subject areas in grades K - 12. And parents don't be shy; we can also provide you with assistance in helping your children with their homework. dial-a-teacher.com (305) 995-143

FACTS.org: FACTS.org is Florida's Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students. Sponsored by the Department of Education and the Florida Center for Advising & Academic Support, this free online advising website helps students plan and track their education progress from middle school through college. <http://facts23.facts.org/navigation/home.do>

Florida KidCare: Florida KidCare is the state's children's health insurance program for uninsured children under age 19. It includes four different programs. Florida KidCare will check which program your child may be eligible for based on age and family income. : <http://www.floridakidcare.org/> or call **1-888-540-5437**

Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade County: The Healthy Start Coalition of Miami-Dade is responsible for the establishment and oversight of the Miami-Dade Healthy Start system, which includes directing funds for continuous care coordination to pregnant women and children birth to age three, evaluating services, and quality improvement and assurance responsibilities. <http://www.hscmd.org/>

Reading Rockets: Strategies to Help Kids Who Struggle in Reading

Reading Rockets is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs. The goal of the project is to provide information on how young kids learn to read, why so many struggle, and how caring adults can help. Learn about easy ways you can **link to us** to let others know about the many free resources available from Reading Rockets. <http://www.readingrockets.org/>

Starfall.com

Starfall.com is an interactive program that is available online across the world to all children who are learning to read in English. It is the first Internet site to be recognized by *Children's Software and New Media Review* as the highest rated product in their Early Elementary category. <http://www.starfall.com/>

The Children's Trust: The Children's Trust is committed to funding programs that offer the highest possible quality services and best practices to improve the lives of children and families in Miami-Dade County by making investments in their futures. Recognizing that the greatest obstacle to addressing family needs knows where to go for help or information, The Children's Trust is fully funding 211 in Miami-Dade County to make this resource and referral line available to everyone in our community. Now, by dialing **211**, parents, caregivers and adolescents are reaching The Children's Trust Helpline, where specially trained Switchboard of Miami counselors are standing by, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in English, Spanish and Creole.
s. <http://www.thechildrenstrust.org/>

VPK (Volunteer Pre-Kindergarten) is Free to All 4-Year Olds. If you live in Florida and have a child who turns 4 years of age by September 1, your child is eligible for Florida's FREE VPK program. Two programs are offered annually. The school-year program includes 540 hours of instructional time and begins in August. The summer program consists of 300 instructional hours and can begin as early as May 1.
<http://www.vpkhelp.org/> or call **(305) 373-3521**

The Parent Academy: The Parent Academy is an information destination for families and school staff. It provides various resources, monthly calendar, and links to numerous free educational programs and community resources. For more information, please visit <http://theparentacademy.dadeschools.net/> or call 305-995-2680.