

Carefully observe your child. Look for some of the more common signs of vision problems. If you check off several items, take your child for a thorough vision examination testing visual efficiency skills. Don't send your child to school without all the appropriate tools for learning success, especially visual skills!

## **Physical Observations:**

- One eye drifts or points "in" or "out," in a direction different than the other
- \_\_\_\_ Turns head to see
- \_\_\_\_ Head is frequently tilted to one side
- \_\_\_\_\_ Squinting, closing of one eye, or covering an eye
- \_\_\_\_ Excessive blinking
- \_\_\_\_ Poor eye-hand coordination
- \_\_\_\_ Frequently bumps into things
- \_\_\_\_ Fatigues easily

## When Reading or Doing Homework:

- Holds the book unusually close
- \_\_\_\_ Frequently loses place
- \_\_\_\_\_ Uses finger or marker when reading (after 2<sup>nd</sup> grade)
- \_\_\_\_ Rubs eyes during or after short periods of reading
- \_\_\_\_ Unable to read for long periods of time
- \_\_\_\_ Difficulty concentrating
- \_\_\_\_ Avoids homework

## **Behavioral Signs:**

- \_\_\_\_ Headaches or eyestrain
- \_\_\_\_ Motion or car sickness
- \_\_\_\_ Visual complaints (blur, double vision ...)