

## *Take time to prepare—*

before the year, over the weekends, before each school day, etc.

## *Treasure your home days*

and resist multi-tasking—put technology down, don't schedule appointments, don't do laundry, etc. Make home days your top focus and work to enjoy co-learning with your kids.

## **Communicate and seek help—**

approach other parents, your teachers or support staff when you have questions, concerns, are struggling, have an issue, etc. Other parents are your very best resource in figuring out the SLOCA life.

## *Set the tone—*

you are the biggest influence in how your kids see school, home days, their teachers, their work, etc.

## *Give yourself grace.*

A lot of it. You will fail, fall behind, forget something, overlook something, not fit it all in. You will NOT be a perfect SLOCA parent. The good news is you are in great company; none of us are!

## When overwhelmed, **JUST DO THE NEXT THING.**

Ask—what is most important right now? Don't know? Ask an experienced parent.

## *Ease in.*

Your first trimester, especially, are “easing in” months to be sure. Teachers will help with this, but you can also always ask for clarification when in doubt.

## When all else fails, **read out loud**

with your kids. Let other things give, but not this one!

## *Take advantage of our many resources—*

our staff, our parent trainings, our parent meetings, our blogs, our classroom connection meetings, our bookstore/library, etc.

## **GET INVOLVED.**

As you settle in, volunteer, hang out on the playground or in the store, join a committee, help in a place that brings you joy.

## *Tips and Tricks*

FOR NEW  
SLOCA PARENTS