



## I HATE SCHOOL!

There are advantages to being elected President. The day after I was elected, I had my high school grades classified Top Secret.

Ronald Reagan

by My Winning Kids Staff

Ever hear this around your house? I did. I panicked. Take it from me, not a good response.

First of all, stop and think through the seriousness of the comment. Did your child just have a bad day or is this recurring frequently? Listen, and **really** listen, to what your child has to say without jumping ahead and adding comments that could make the situation worse. Try to isolate the exact problem. Always validate what your child has to say.

Could you be part of the problem? Unrealistic expectations, too many extra-curricular activities, too busy to provide help and support for homework?

The next step is your child's teacher. Set up an appointment. Start off by letting the teacher

know your concern in a positive manner, looking for her insight into how best to address this matter. She may know exactly what you are referring to. However, with a roomful of kids, she may have no idea that your child is struggling or the degree of the struggle.

Be open and honest. Be prepared to come away with a plan of attack before you leave.

Hopefully, "I hate school" will fade into the night and life will soon be full of smiles. The key is to listen with open ears.

Good parents make PROGRESS, not try to be PERFECT!

**Take ONE STEP for 13 Weeks** 

**PROGRESS** 

1 Step X 13 Weeks = Progress