

Tips for Homework Success

Homework is a regular part of school, and you can help your child to do well by getting involved. Teachers assign homework for many reasons: to practice and review class work, to get ready for the next lesson, to teach them how to work on their own, and for time management. If getting homework completed is a struggle, consider some of the following suggestions:

1. Make homework a routine. Set aside a quiet place for your child to do their homework that is away from the TV, the radio, or other distractions.
2. Help to minimize wasted time by having materials in their workspace such as: pencils, pens, erasers, paper, ruler, calculator, colored pencils, stapler, tape, and glue.
3. Check your child's binder reminder or homework calendar. Many teachers will make sure that children have written down the nightly homework prior to leaving class that day.
4. If your child's having trouble with their homework, and you know they are trying their hardest, talk to their teacher.
5. Avoid letting your child eat/drink while working on their homework - we all know what a disaster a spill can be on books and homework.
6. For elementary and middle school students, check on them frequently and offer assistance if needed.
7. While a cell phone might be valuable for helping with homework, make certain the cell phone is being used appropriately and is not acting as a distraction.
8. Does neatness count? Of course it does!
9. For those longer homework assignments, set an appropriate timeframe and build in a break for a snack, a quick playtime, or some other diversion so that frustration is minimized. When your child returns to their assignment have them go back and recheck for any errors.
10. If your child misses school, their homework will be available the next day when they return. Perhaps a friend or classmate can pick up the homework assignment on the day they are absent.

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