

How Parents can Help with Homework

Parents encourage good study habits by establishing homework routines early. Here are some suggestions to help children become more successful with homework:

- Agree, together, on a regular time and place for homework.
- Turn off the TV when it is family homework time.
- Make sure your child understands the assignment.
- Ask to see your child's homework folder or agenda each day.
- Talk about what your child is learning in school.
- Make suggestions in a positive way such as, "The teacher will understand your ideas better if you write in your best handwriting."
- Discuss teachers' homework.
- Make sure your child understands that homework is their responsibility.
- Contact the teacher by phone, email, note, or in person when your child is having trouble with homework assignments.
- Don't fight with your child about homework.
- Help with assignments by checking for completeness, neatness, and accuracy.
- Establish a place where completed homework is placed (for example, by the front door or in the child's backpack, so it won't be forgotten when your child leaves for school.)
- Follow up on homework assignments by asking to see your child's homework after it has been returned by the teacher.
- Be sure to encourage your child and praise them for a job well done.
- Display particularly good papers in your home.
- Be tolerant of homework not done perfectly – your child is learning many new skills that are not yet perfect.

