



Make Learning a Priority in your Home!

- Attend school functions and parent conferences.
- Be aware of grade level and teacher standards for work and behavior.
- Provide a place in your home for all papers that require parental attention.
- Have your child write down their homework every day. Getting students a homework planner can be a useful way to record and keep organized homework from every class so they do not miss assignments.
- Get them moving for about 15 minutes (shoot hoops, run, jump rope, etc.) before tackling homework. Moving or exercising before homework can help get their brain ready to study
- Make homework a top priority. - Schedule homework on a regular basis with your child.
- Set rules of behavior during study time.
- Provide necessary supplies
- Have a designated study spot – Find a place where your child will pay attention to their work without distraction, whether it be a desk in a quiet room, on the floor in their bedroom, or at the dining room table. It should be somewhere they are comfortable but won't be disturbed.
- What are they listening to? – Determine what works best for your child. Some kids do their best work in a noise free environment. Other kids need background sounds to help them study such soft music, a fan, or other white noise. There is no correct scenario. Do what works best for them.
- Encourage and praise your child to stay on task and complete work.
- When appropriate, encourage your child to work independently on activities.
- Have your child take breaks when they study - Taking a short break might help them concentrate. When your child works on something for a long time, they may start thinking about other things. Then their mind is no longer on their homework. Have them get up, do some jumping jacks or take a 10-minute walk. When they come back they should be ready to focus on their homework again.
- Teach them not to Cram for Tests - Your child should not wait until the night before to study for a test. The best way to remember information is to go over it a bunch of times for a few days. Your child should do better on the test and they won't forget everything they memorized right after the test either.
- Have your child work on the assignment they find most difficult first –Starting with the difficult assignment is best as that is when your student has the most mental energy.



- Turn off their phone, Instant Messaging, TV, and other devices that may disturb them when studying.
- Teach them to ask for help if they are struggling with something.
- Check your child's work and provide immediate feedback.
- Help your child with corrections



- Make Flashcards - Flashcards are great for memorizing new vocabulary, multiplication/division and even the order of the presidents. They can be used to study for quizzes, then saved to be used for unit tests.
- Review What your child has Learned After finishing all their homework, students should take a couple minutes for each class and homework assignment to review what they learned in class and what they were studying in their homework assignment. This helps students to further absorb the information they learned and helps them to summarize it as well.
- Provide praise and positive support when homework is completed.



- Check to be sure your child's backpack and pocket folder is emptied daily.
- Help return homework to class by the due date.
- Encourage your child to place homework and other items in the backpack to return to school.
- Check your child's work before it is placed in the backpack.



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