



THE PARENT GUIDE

20 Ways to Help Your Child Succeed at Homework Time

Supporting Your Child's Good Habits

1. Use a homework planner.
2. Get their binder and backpack organized.
3. Set a time and place for homework, and keep it consistent.
4. Let your child decide what position is most comfortable for studying – standing, sitting, laying on the floor.
5. Do homework together, but do not do their homework for them.
6. Break homework into smaller sections.
7. Take a 5-minute break every 15-20 minutes.
8. Place finished homework back in the book bag the night before to avoid chaos in the morning.
9. Be consistent about doing homework and putting it away in the same place every night.
10. In order to maintain consistency, have your child read during homework time if he/she has no homework.

Parent Tips

11. "Support," don't "do."
12. Help your child figure out what is right for them and then let them be responsible for their work.
13. Give them support, if necessary, but make sure that they have tried to do the assignment first.
14. You are there to help them understand what they need to do - not to do it.
15. Set reasonable consequences for expectations (homework rules).
16. Don't take your child's breaking of established homework rules personally.
17. Advocate for your child at school if necessary but also teach your child how to be their own advocate.
18. If possible, keep an extra set of books at home.
19. Have a specific place for your child's backpack so they can put it in the same place every night.
20. Communicate with the teacher on a regular basis.