

Parent Tips: Meeting Homework Requirements



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1. Establish a good home/school communication system

- Talk to teachers about developing a homework book system. Both teachers and parents must sign-off on this process
- Establish a way to communicate with your child's teacher. Provide him/her with your phone number, email, and home address.

2. Never do your child's homework

- When your child does not understand the homework, talk to the teacher (write a note) and explain what you observed.
- When you become concerned about the length of time it takes for your child to complete an assignment, keep a chart to share with the teacher.
- Observe your child to see what he/she does when working on an assignment

3. Structure your home environment

- Make sure your child is working in a quiet space with little distractions. No cell phones, television, or radio.
- Make sure your child is working in an area with good lighting.
- Have someone in the area to help your child if you are not available.

4. Provide structured time for homework.

- Decide on a specific time for homework.
- Be flexible. Allow your child a break if the assignment becomes frustrating.
- Switch modes - If your child is having difficulty with reading, change to math or a subject of their choice.

5. Avoid power struggles

- Arrange to have someone help your child if you become easily frustrated.
- Discuss your strengths and weaknesses with someone who will help you check your child's assignments, and agree on who will help with specific assignments.

6. Establish positive rewards when children complete an assignment.

- Provide stickers, hugs, kisses, positive comments and praise

7. When homework is not assigned, encourage your child to use that time to do other learning activities

- Read a book or read to them
- Give math problems to solve
- Bake a tasty treat while incorporating math (measurement)