

Tips for parents

Setting the foundation for student achievement



Over the homework hurdle



Show you think education and homework are important.

- Set a regular time every day for homework.
- Make sure your child has the papers, books, pencils and other things needed to do assignments.
- Provide a quiet, well-lit place for your child to study.
- Set a good example by reading and writing yourself.
- Stay in touch with your child's teachers.

Monitor assignments.

- Know what your child's homework assignments are and how long they should take.
- See that assignments are started and completed.
- Read the teacher's comments on returned assignments.
- Make sure computer activity and TV viewing don't cut into your child's homework time.

Provide guidance.

- Understand and respect your child's style of learning. Does he work better alone or with someone else? Does she learn best when she can see things, hear them or handle them?
- Help your child get organized. Does your child need a calendar or assignment book? A bag for books and a folder for papers?
- Talk with your child about homework assignments. Does she understand them?

Share concerns with the teacher.

- You may want to contact the teacher if:
- Your child refuses to do her assignments, even though you've tried hard to get her to do them.
 - Instructions are unclear.
 - You can't seem to help your child get organized to finish the assignments.
 - You can't provide needed supplies.
 - Your child has missed school and needs to make up assignments.



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