

Homework Hassles...



There IS Hope!

Research shows clearly that children are more likely to succeed in learning when their families actively support them. When family members read with their children, talk with their teachers, participate in school or other learning activities and help them with homework, they give children a tremendous advantage.



Homework... A Concern for the Whole Family

- * **How can I get Michael to do his homework?**

“Every night it’s a struggle to get him to turn off the TV and do his homework.”

- * **When is Susi supposed to do homework?**

“She takes piano lessons, sings in her church choir, plays basketball and helps with family chores. There’s hardly any time left to study.”

- * **Do homework assignments really help my child learn?**

“He doesn’t even understand the assignment. There is no point in doing it.”

Why Homework?

- * Homework can:
 - * Help students to develop good study habits and positive attitudes
 - * Teach them to work independently
 - * Encourage self-discipline and responsibility
 - * Provide a link between home and school
 - * Improve school achievement



How to Help

- * Show that you think education and homework are important
- * Monitor assignments
- * Provide guidance
- * Talk with teachers to resolve problems



Show that Education and Homework are Important...

URGENT

- * Set a regular time for homework
- * Pick a place
- * Remove distractions
- * Provide supplies
- * Set a good example
- * Be interested and interesting

Set a Regular Time for Homework...

- Works for your family
- May need to be flexible depending on outside activities
- Helpful to write-out a schedule (visible to all)
- A required amount of time



Pick a Place...

- Good lighting
- Fairly quiet
- Special area (“Do not disturb” sign)
- Desk area
- Table area



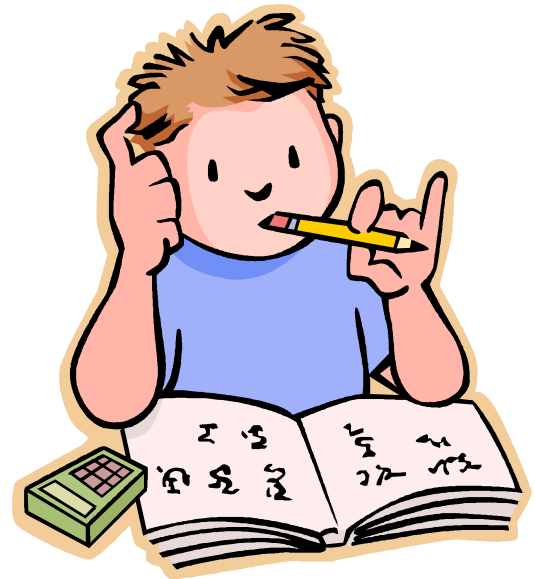
Remove Distractions...

- Turn off the TV
- Quiet background music... no loud noises
- Other family members should honor homework time



Provide Supplies...

- * Writing utensils
- * Extra paper
- * Markers/Colored Pencils
- * Pencil sharpener
- * Eraser
- * Bulletin board/Whiteboard
- * Organize in portable bin



Set a Good Example...



- * Talk with your child about your job responsibilities
- * Allow your child to see you complete your daily tasks (i.e., paying bills, writing grocery list)
- * Use everyday routines to support the skills he is learning

Be Interested and Interesting...

- * Make time for learning (go to library)
- * Talk about school day and activities
- * Attend school activities (parent conferences, open houses, concerts)
- * Volunteer at the school
- * Build a support network (meet friends and families)



Monitor Assignments...

- * Be mindful of school's homework policy
- * Be available
- * Be involved ...review completed assignments
- * Be aware... examine time spent on other activities



Provide Guidance...

- * Help your child get organized
- * Encourage good study habits
- * Talk about the assignments
- * Watch for frustration
- * Give praise



Talk with Teachers...

- * Communicate with the teacher
- * Meet with the teacher
- * Develop a plan together
- * Strengthen team approach





Homework Incentives

What did you Learn?

- * Reflection Activity



Thank you for attending!!

