

HOMWORK DO'S AND DON'TS



1. Do be available to supervise homework time.
2. Do help clarify instructions. Ask your child what they think the assignment means. Do check for your child's understanding of the task assigned.
3. Do make a homework tool kit (all the items necessary in one container). Don't use these items for anything else.
4. Do set a specific time for homework. Don't allow it to be modified – consistency is the rule.
5. Do let your child try to figure out problems for him/her self. Ask them to reread the material, review notes, and look over examples given in class.
6. Do encourage your child to find missing assignments by themselves. They can call a friend for help.
7. Do encourage your child to use modern technology when appropriate. Spell checkers are part of every word processing program. Everyone has a calculator available.
8. Do check to make certain that assignments are completed. (Checklists are great for long-term assignments.)
9. Do include break time. Many students work best in short time blocks.
10. Do provide lots of praise and encouragement. Don't criticize every mistake.
11. Allow your child to make mistakes and to learn from them.
12. Don't correct your child's work. If there are glaring errors ask him/her to recheck the work.
13. Do encourage your child to look up unfamiliar words and topics.
14. Do put a positive spin on homework. Your child will quickly pick up your attitude toward homework.
15. Do let the school know if there is a problem with the work. Homework should allow communication between the home and the school.

Helpful Homework Web Sites:

www.factmonster.com
www.familyeducation.com
www.ajkids.com
www.discovery.com
www.mathforum.com
www.kidsclick.org
www.homeworkspot.com
www.math.com

www.yahooligans.com
www.jiskha.com
www.cosmeo.com (pay site)
www.ipl.org (internet public library)
www.encarta.msn.com
www.multcolib.org/homework
www.refdesk.com
www.schoolwork.org (skip the ad and go to "find homework" section.)