

Homework / Reading & Studying at Home

Students learn best when homework is assigned regularly, graded, returned promptly, and used primarily to rehearse material first presented by the teacher at school



Encourage families to set a regular time for reading and studying, whether the student has homework or not

Connect families to community resources for help getting school supplies and books

Other tips to share with families

- Be positive—your attitude about homework will make all the difference!
- Set a regular study time and place
- Keep supplies that might be needed nearby
- Be interested, available, and supportive— without doing the work for the student
- Help your child with time management
- Reward persistence, progress, and hard work

Share the Help*Check*Praise Method with families

- HELP your child by having the child do the desired action with your help. Then:
- CHECK to make sure your child continues to do the task well.
- If he or she has trouble, more HELP may be needed.
- PRAISE is the final step in developing a good habit. Encourage the child to keep up the good work by giving PRAISE for hard work and sticking with it to complete the job.



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