

Homework Hints

Parents there are things that you can do to help ensure that homework is a productive time, BUT there are also ways that you can even make it fun!

*Allow your child to take a break after school. They can go play, or eat a snack for a set amount of time before they start homework.

*Create a routine each night using the same time and place.

*Encourage children to use planners to stay organized with when assignments are due. Use colored folders to keep each subject organized or maybe use just one folder for homework.

*Read with your child. The more they read the better reader they will be. If they see reading is important to you it will be important to them.

*If your child is having difficulty in focusing they may need to take a brain break for a few minutes. Let your child get up and move for a few minutes-dance to their favorite song.

*For some children listening to some soft calming music is helpful when they study. For others music is a distraction as they need total silence. Find out what works best for your child.

*If your child is getting frustrated you may need to stop homework for the night. Write a note to your child's teacher explaining what happened.

* If your child is working for hours a night on homework please contact your child's teacher and let him/her know what is going on. He/she may have some ideas on how to address this issue.

*You can also find ways to make homework practice FUN when doing math facts and spelling words. You can practice in the car, make a game out of it or a contest.

- EX. For every math fact they get right they get a skittle.
- As they spell a word have them jump for each letter given.

- Have them spell words by tracing the letters in the air, or in sand. Even shaving cream if you are feeling brave!
- They can earn some tech time with learning games for each assignment they complete.

Bottom line— Every child does not do their homework in the exact same way. Allow your child to work in the environment that will best suit his/her learning style.