

Homework Success

BEING AN INVOLVED PARENT

- stay in touch with teachers so you know what is going on at school
- read the teacher's comments on graded assignments
- make sure your child understands homework assignments
- meet with the teacher early in the year before problems arise
- cooperate with the teacher to work out a plan to solve any problems
- follow up with teacher to make sure child is improving in weak areas

CREATING THE PROPER ENVIRONMENT

- give your child the proper supplies to complete all assignments
- understand and respect your child's style of learning
- give your child a calendar or assignment book
- give your child a book bag and folders to organize school supplies
- color code each class -- blue for math, green for science, etc.
- keep schoolwork in order with two-pocket pronged folders
- left side for "assignments to complete"
- middle prongs for schedules, supply lists, and reference

SETTING UP A STUDY CENTER

- set aside a large work area where your child can spread out
- make sure there is adequate lighting and a comfortable seat
- locate your center away from noise and distractions
- set up a box for supplies and stacking trays for extra paper
- include a dictionary, thesaurus, and other convenient reference
- dry erase or bulletin board for notes, reminders, and planning

TEACHING TIME MANAGEMENT

- set a timer to help your child stay on track
- set aside scheduled time each day for homework
- know what your child's homework assignments are
- know how long each assignment should take
- see that your child starts and completes his / her assignments
- how to schedule and prioritize to get assignments done in time
- play, TV, and friends only come after homework is completed
- limit the number of extra-curricular activities at one time