

Tips to Help Your Child With Homework

You aren't expected to "teach" the day's lesson just make sure the homework is done.

1. Agree on a regular time for homework each day.
2. Provide a quiet place for study, with a large work surface and good lighting. Turn off the TV.
3. Ask Questions – about math class, look at papers, tests, etc. Go over completed homework. Praise your child's efforts, don't just point out mistakes.
4. Suggest your child double check answers.
5. Don't solve the problem for your child. Homework lets teachers see where students need help. If your child can't do a problem, the teacher needs to know.
6. Don't show your child an "easier way" – he or she needs to practice the step-by-step process.
7. Do suggest that your child:
 - Describe the steps used so far – he or she may catch a mistake
 - Read the directions again.
 - Work through any sample problems
 - Remember how a similar problem was handled.
 - Look for patterns.
 - Eliminate possibilities.
 - Describe a story in their own words.
 - Draw diagrams or move objects to "see" the problem.