

HOMEWORK AND SCHOOL SUCCESS

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With the month of October coming to an end, students are finally settling into their new school year routine. The establishment of good homework habits is a key factor in helping your child meet with success at school.

Homework encourages children to develop skills for lifelong learning such as time management and responsibility. Parents and guardians play an important role in supporting their child's education through the encouragement and supervision of homework. Some children execute the task of homework with ease, for others it is a struggle for students and parent alike! The following are some tips to help with the homework process:

- Establish a comfortable place and regular time for homework completion.
- Help your child organize homework and study habits.
 - Have the assignment book and necessary materials available.
 - Order the completion of work – don't do the hardest assignment last!
 - Be available to help your child if needed.
 - Encourage your child to use long-range planning for tests or special projects.
 - Take small breaks if necessary.
 - Place completed work and other items in the backpack for return to school.
 - Minimize distractions and interruptions.

Provide praise and positive support when homework is completed.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to contact their child's teacher or counselor if homework difficulties arise. Additional strategies for homework completion can be discussed and implemented to help meet your child's needs and individual learning style.