

TEACHER TIPS

Be sure to smile Write your name on the board and pronounce it clearly. If it is unusual, talk about its origin.

Talk about your motivation for becoming a teacher.

Let your students know what you expect of them. Let them know you are there to teach but also to learn.

Provide multiple ways for students to be successful in your class; display student work.

Provide opportunities for student work to be viewed by external audiences.

Take time to point out positive aspects of each students' work.

Take time to help struggling students understand the material; never criticize a student's question. Don't make assumptions about student behaviour.

Provide opportunities for students to make their own decisions about certain aspects of your class. Allow students to work with each other.

Celebrate your student's achievements, no matter how small.

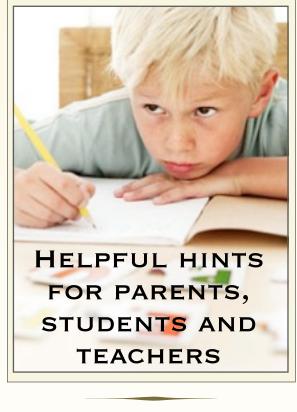




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HOMEWORK HELPERS

Homework is a major part of learning, not only for school but also for accepting responsibility for actions and taking pride in a job well done. All of these can be learned. You, as a parent or teacher, can help a student learn them.

Remember: Excuses, hassles, and arguments are not unusual and your firm and consistent insistence on work completion is important.

Some students need unwinding time after school and some prefer beginning homework right away. Try giving a healthy snack before study time.

As your child grows and develops never shy away from talking. Endeavor to communicate with your child about as many things as possible. Encourage questions. Teach your child early about appropriate communication styles.

Your child is watching adults every second - learning and modeling

PARENT POINTERS



Show an interest in your child's home work assignments. Ask about their subjects and projects

Be a role model...take the opportunity to read while your child does.

Teach your child how to be organized. Be sure they keep an assignment book or calendar.

Try to relate the homework to your child's every day life... use fractions as a child prepares a favorite food for example.

Encourage your child to establish a regular time to do homework.

Meet with your child's teacher to discuss how reading, spelling and other topics are being taught.

Make sure your child has a specific place to do homework that offers ample lighting and workspace and minimal noise and other distractions.

Be aware of the environment that your child works best in. Some like to be with others while another may work best in their room.

Work with the teacher in making sure your child completes homework or faces appropriate consequences.

Praise your child for successfully completing their homework.

STUDENT SOLUTIONS

Work in a quiet, uncluttered place. The dining room table is usually a god place because it is away from the centre of activity.

Begin your homework soon after school is outif this works best for you. Otherwise take a short break and then get started.

Do the most difficult or most dreaded subject first and get it over with. Everything else will be easier in comparison.

Ask for your parents help if necessary, but don't expect them to give you the answers.

Avoid frustration by breaking down assignments. Allow short breaks after certain subjects have been completed.

Eliminate as many distractions as possible during study time.

The two most important things for students to remember about homework are what the assignment is and when it is due.

Set homework goals. Plan ahead for projects and reports.

