

Homework Checklist for Parents

- ✓ Communicate with your children's teachers about the amount or type of homework assigned. Be sure to let them know if your child is having difficulty or are unable to do most of it by themselves.
- ✓ Provide a quiet, well-lit space, away from distractions and with all the right study materials -- paper, pens and pencils, books, a dictionary, a desk, etc.
- ✓ If you have more than one child, provide separate locations or schedule quiet times for homework in designated spaces.
- ✓ Create a regular schedule, allowing for adequate study and free time.
- ✓ Limit TV time, and do not allow it during homework.
- ✓ When possible, be available to answer questions. Try doing a problem or two together, then watch as the child tries the next one.
- ✓ Avoid simply giving an answer. Instead, ask questions that let your child see the problem in smaller, sequential steps.
- ✓ Provide your kids with a notebook for writing down assignments. When they're finished, compare the homework and the notebook to make sure everything is done.
- ✓ Review completed and graded assignments. Discuss errors to be sure your child understands the material.