

## **9 IMPORTANT WAYS PARENTS CAN HELP THEIR CHILDREN WITH HOMEWORK**

**1st: Talk to your child about why it is important to do homework.**

- Learning does not stop when school is over.
- Doing work at home gives you more time to finish assignments carefully.

**2nd: Discuss your child's homework assignment with him or her.**

- Ask how long the assignment is suppose to take to do.
- Ask when the assignment needs to be handed in.
- Ask what they are suppose to be learning from their assignment.

**3rd: Do not do the homework for your child.**

- Homework is your child's job.
- Your job is to check that the homework gets done.
- Help your child with understanding homework directions.
- Plan to review your child's finished homework with him or her.

**4th: Have your child ask for help with difficult homework.**

- Have your child build a relationship with a friend from class.
- Have your child phone their classmate to help with difficult homework.
- Have your child talk to the teacher about difficult assignments.

**5th: Organize homework assignments.**

- Help your child build a homework schedule to use to organize homework time.
- Homework schedules can be set up for a day or for a week.
- Make extra time for subjects that your child has difficulty with.

**6th: Have rules for doing homework.**

- Set up a quiet place for doing homework.
- Set up a homework schedule.
- Set up a routine time for doing homework each day.
- Always check that homework gets done.
- Congratulate your child for his or her efforts.

**7th: Discuss homework assignments with your child's teacher.**

- Talk with your child's teacher about expectations for doing homework.
- Find out how much homework the teacher expects your child to do.
- Discuss how long the teacher feels your child should be doing homework.
- If your child does not have homework each week, discuss this with the teacher.

**8th: Make it clear to the family when it is homework time.**

- Make a sign telling when it is "work time" for your child.
- Do not let others disturb your child when he or she is working.

**9th: Help prepare your child to concentrate on his or her homework.**

- Give your child time to play and unwind after school and before doing homework.
- Make sure your child has a healthy snack before doing homework.
- Make sure your child isn't too tired or dirty when doing homework.
- Allow breaks of 5 minutes for each half-hour of study time.
- Have your child do the most difficult assignments first.