

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH HOMEWORK - A CHECKLIST

Make Sure Your Child Has:

- ❑ A quiet place to work with good light
- ❑ A regular time each day for doing homework
- ❑ Basic supplies, such as paper, pencils, pens, markers and a ruler

Questions to Ask You Child

- ❑ What are your assignments today?
- ❑ Are you using your planner every day in the appropriate way?
- ❑ Are the assignments clear? (If not, suggest calling a classmate)
- ❑ When are the assignments due?
- ❑ Do you need resources? (e.g. a trip to the library or access to a computer)
- ❑ Do you need special supplies? (e.g. graph paper or posterboard)
- ❑ Have you started today's assignments? Finished them?
- ❑ Is it a long-term assignment? (e.g. a term paper or science project)
- ❑ For a major project, would it help to write out the steps or make a schedule?

Other Ways to Help

- ❑ Check your child's planner on a daily basis
- ❑ Look over your child's homework, but don't do the work!
- ❑ Encourage your child to completely empty his or her backpack each day.
This is an important organizational task
- ❑ Meet the teachers early in the year and find out about the homework policy
- ❑ Review teacher comments on homework that has been returned and discuss them with your child
- ❑ Contact the teacher if there is a homework problem that you cannot resolve
- ❑ Call your child's teachers with any questions or concerns on their progress.
Do not wait until report card time
- ❑ Congratulate your child on a job well done

