

## READING HOMEWORK TIPS

Have your child read aloud to you every night.

Choose a quiet place, free from distractions, for your child to do his nightly reading assignments.

As your child reads, point out spelling and sound patterns such as cat, pat, hat.

When your child reads aloud to you and makes a mistake, point out the words she has missed and help her read the word correctly.

After your child has stopped to correct a word he has read, have him go back and reread the entire sentence from the beginning to make sure he understands what the sentence is saying.

Ask your child to tell you in her own words what happened in a story.

To check your child's understanding of what he is reading, occasionally pause and ask your child questions about the characters and events in the story.

Ask your child why he thinks a character acted in a certain way and ask your child to support their answer with information from the story,

Before getting to the end of the story, ask your child what he thinks will happen next and why.

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## Homework tips

**Tips for parents on getting  
your student to do their  
homework.**



## MATH HOMEWORK TIPS

Encourage your child to use a daily math assignment book.

Follow the progress your child is making in math. Check with your child daily about his homework.

If you don't understand your child's math assignments, engage in frequent communication with his or her teacher. Here are some helpful websites: Math.com, Homework helpers.com, and Go Math Academy.com.

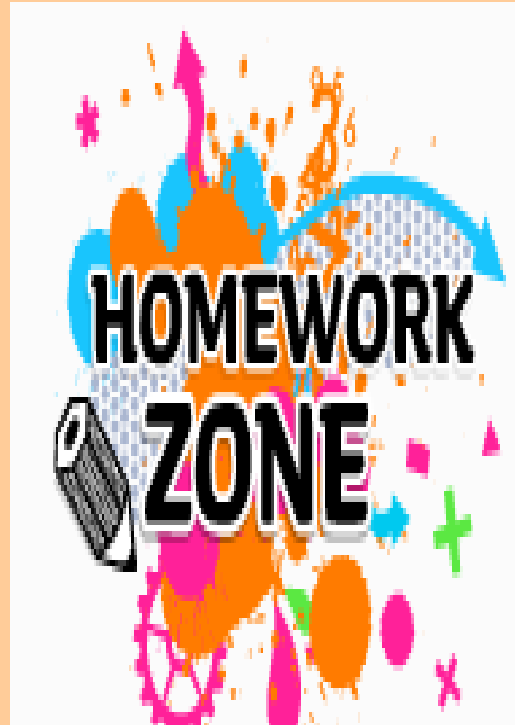
If your child is experiencing problems in math, contact the teacher to learn whether he or she is working at grade level and what can be done at home to help improve academic progress.

Request that your child's teacher schedule after-school math tutoring sessions, if your child really needs help.

Advocate with the principal for the use of research-based peer tutoring programs for math. These tutoring programs have proven results, and students really enjoy them.

Use household chores as opportunities for reinforcing math learning such as cooking and repair activities.

Try to be aware of how your child is being taught math, and don't teach strategies and shortcuts that conflict with the approach the teacher is using. Check with the teacher and ask what you can do to help.



## GENERAL HOMEWORK TIPS

Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.

Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary are available.

Help your child with time management.

Be positive about homework.

When your child does homework, you do homework.

When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not the answers.

When a teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.

If homework is meant to be done by your child, stay away.

Stay informed.

Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.

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