

## Helpful Hints:

- ⇒ If the child is uncertain of the homework have him/her call a friend or check for assignments online using Progress Book/K-12 Planet.
- ⇒ Study more difficult subjects first.
- ⇒ Study for tests for at least two or three nights before the test.
- ⇒ Show an interest by looking at your child's work and providing positive feedback.
- ⇒ Offer encouragement when your child is frustrated.
- ⇒ Show a positive attitude toward your child's school and teachers—it does make a difference.
- ⇒ If your child never has homework, contact the teacher.

- ⇒ If you feel your child is spending too much time on homework, contact the teacher/school. The amount of time spent on homework will vary from day to day and will depend on the age and skills of your child.



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## From your Professional School Counselor

### Knowing About....

# Homework Hints for Parents



**Homework doesn't  
have to be hard!**

## Why homework?

▶ 1) Homework is one of the first ways that children develop a sense of responsibility for completing their own work.

2) Homework also teaches students essential skills they need to succeed in school and future employment such as:

- learning how to read and follow directions independently
- managing and budgeting time (for long-term assignments like book reports)
- completing work neatly

3) To develop organizational skills

4) To review skills

5) To practice skills learned in school

## Doing the Homework

### Space

▶ The kitchen or dining room table is a popular workspace for younger children; they often feel more comfortable being near a parent or caregiver for help and encouragement. Older children may prefer to retreat to their rooms but you may still want to check in periodically and review your child's homework when it's completed.

Wherever your child chooses to do his or her homework, it's important to make sure that the workspace is: well-lit; quiet and free from distractions; comfortably stocked with school supplies such as pens, pencils, paper, stapler, calculator, ruler, etc., as well as resources, such as a dictionary and thesaurus.

### Time:

▶ Establish a daily homework time—earlier is better. Because of various activities, it may be helpful to sit down with your child at the beginning of the week and plan in writing on a calendar the study times for each day of the coming week.

### Organization:

- ◆ Use a planner or assignment book
- ◆ Have necessary supplies and materials

## Things to Avoid

- ▶ Participating in too many outside activities.
- ▶ Watching television or listening to distracting music when doing homework.
- ▶ Using the telephone.
- ▶ Getting too comfortable while studying.
- ▶ Playing with friends instead of studying.

