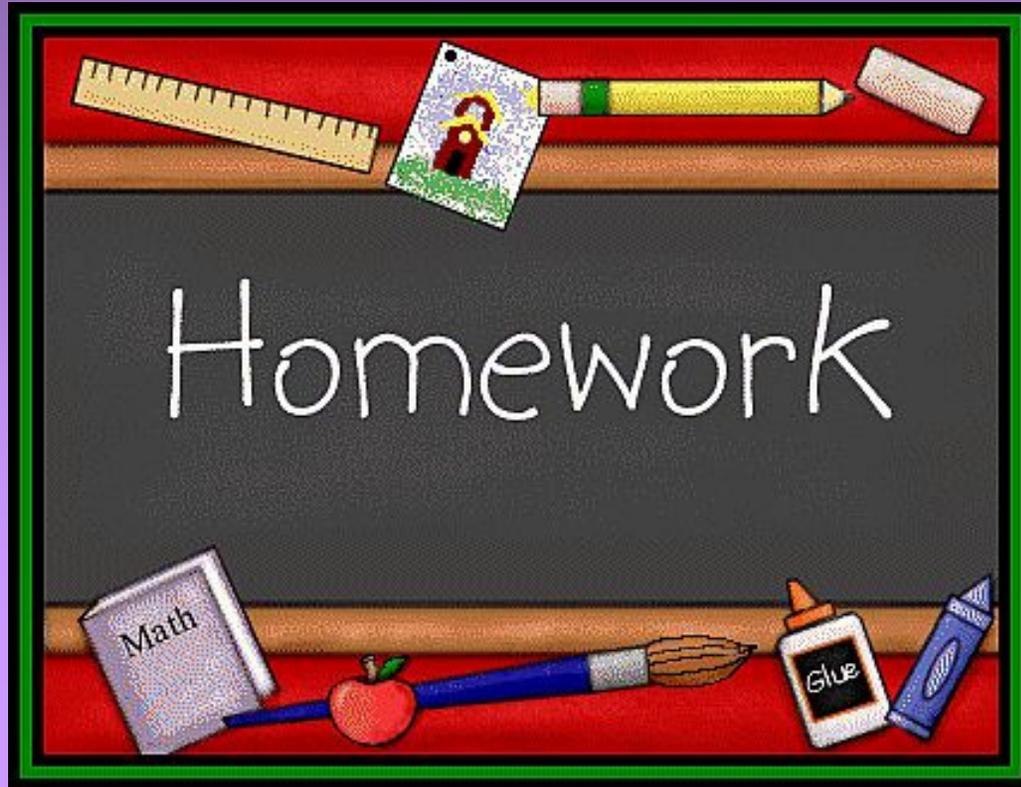
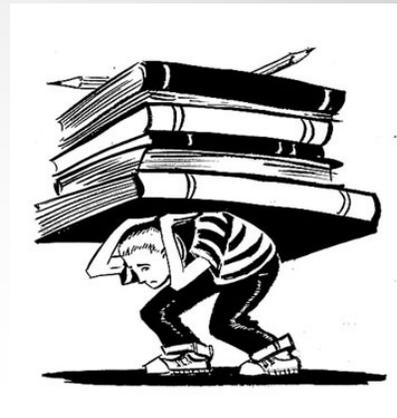


Tools For Student Success



How You Can Help Your Child

Homework is never intended to be a punishment!



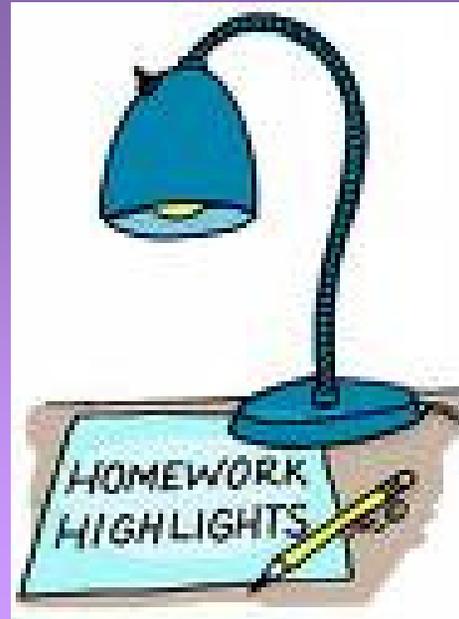
Although our children might view homework as a punishment, there are really some very sound reasons why teachers assign it. Here are a few:

- To review and practice what was learned in the classroom.
- To get ready for the next lesson.
- To learn to use resources outside the classroom such as the library, resource books, interviews, internet, etc.
- To explore the subject deeper than classroom time allows.
- To develop good habits and a proper attitude toward work.
- To teach independence.
- To develop self-discipline and responsibility.
- To encourage a love of learning.
- To help parents know what is going on in the classroom.



Homework Tips

In order for your child to get the most out of his/her homework experience, you need to show that you are supportive and that you think it is important. Here are some tips:



Set a regular time to work on homework every day.

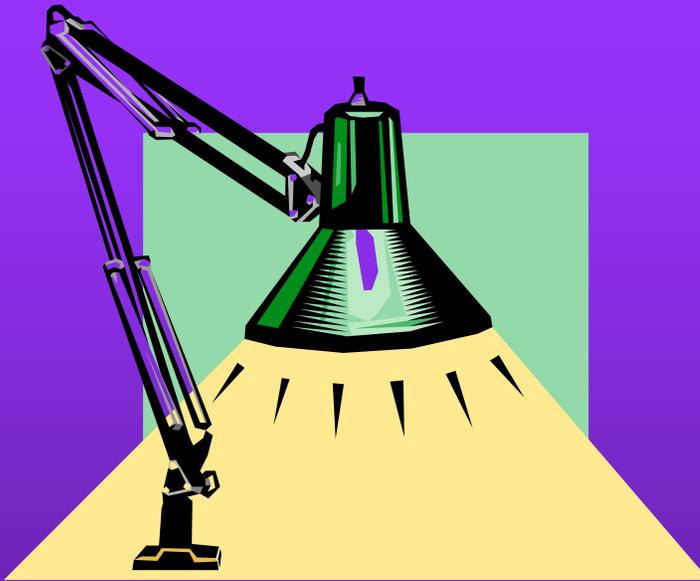


- Use a timer to help self-monitor study periods.
- Build in frequent, but short breaks.

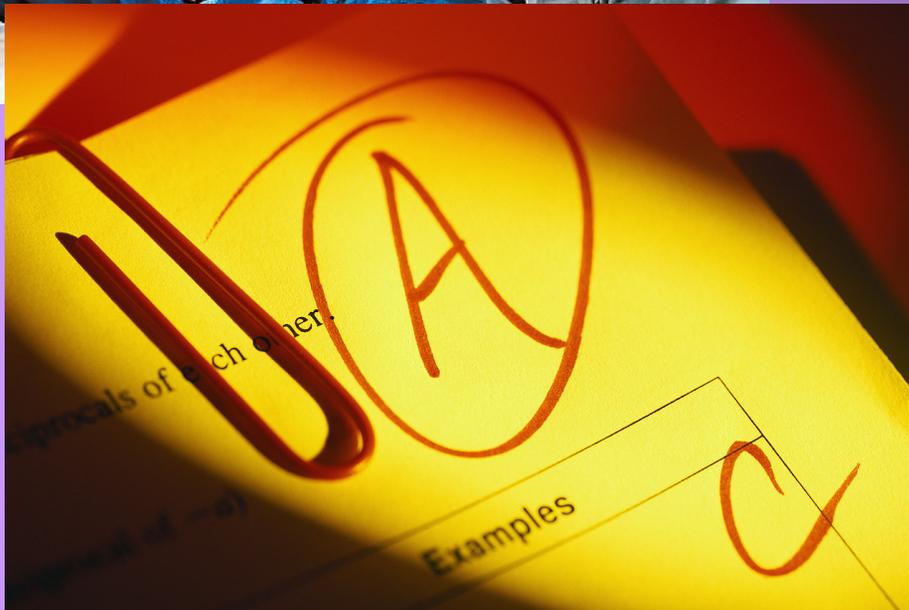
**Provide the needed materials,
such as paper, pencils, books, etc.**



Set up a quiet place for homework
with adequate lighting.



Monitor Assignments



- See that your child gets started and check the completed assignment.
- Read teacher comments on returned homework.

Provide Guidance

- Help your child get organized.
- Talk with your child to make sure the assignment is understood.
- Be available, but don't *do* the assignment for your child.
- Know your child's style of learning so you can help him/her get the most out of the lesson.



Ideas for Organization

- Make sure your child brings his or her red Carlson folder to school each day.
- Please go through the folder and/or planner each day at home.
- Look for teacher correspondence regularly.
- Help your child organize daily homework and projects into small, manageable tasks.

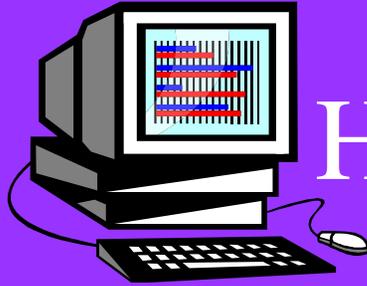
If you are encountering problems, contact your child's teacher. You will discover that he or she really wants to help your child be successful.



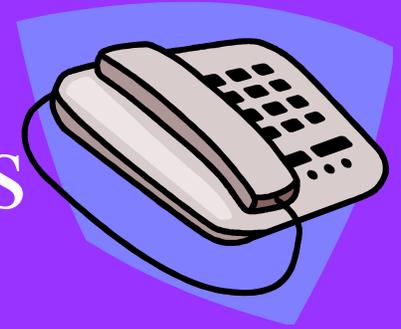
It's a good idea to contact the school or teacher if:

- Your child refuses to do homework and you don't know what else to try.
- The instructions on the assignment are unclear.
- You can't seem to get your child organized.
- You are unable to provide the needed materials.
- You don't understand the purpose of the assignment.
- The assignments are consistently too hard or too easy.
- Your child has missed school and needs to make-up assignments.





Homework Resources



- There are a variety of Internet resources available to assist you and your family on Carlson Elementary's website at www.vdps.net/ces.
- Staff e-mail addresses are also available on the website.