

How can I help my child succeed in school??



Homework is NOT a punishment.



Teachers assign homework for
some very good reasons.

Here are some...

- 1) To review and practice what was learned in the classroom
- 2) To preview and prepare for the next lesson
- 3) To develop a student's work habits
- 4) To learn how to use other resources, such as the internet, reference books, interviews, etc., to learn
- 5) To teach independence
- 6) To help the student develop self-discipline and responsibility
- 7) To help parents know what is going on in the classroom.



HOW CAN I HELP??



One of the best things that can be done to help your child get the most out of their homework is for you as a parent to be supportive and show the student that YOU think their homework is important.

Here are some other tips for success....

Set a specific, regular homework time every day.

- * Find a place that is as free from distractions as possible.
- * Build in frequent, but short, breaks into homework time.
- * If it will help, use a timer to help the student monitor their study time.



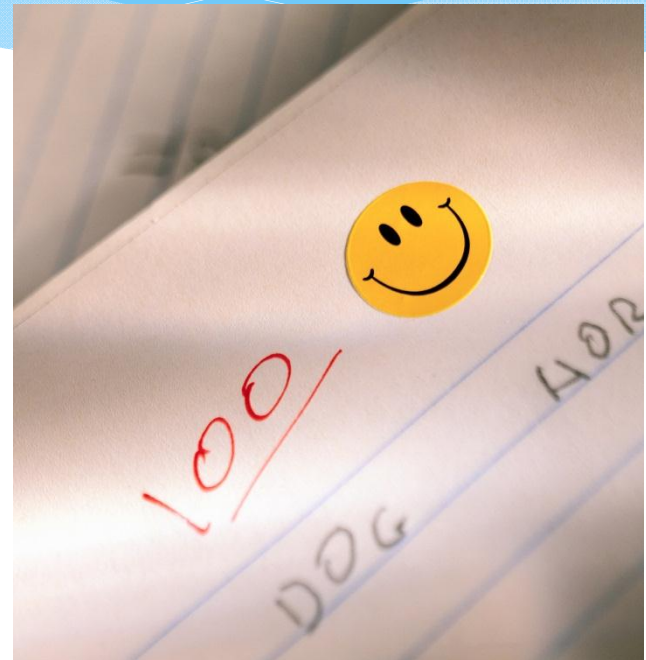
Make sure you have all the needed materials.



- * Set aside a set of homework materials (pencils, paper, crayons, ruler, etc.)
- * Keep all the homework supplies in a specific box or container that the student can get to.
- * Be sure the supplies are replaced when they run low.

Keep track of assignments

- * Make sure that your child gets started and is continuing to work on their assignments.
- * Check the work to see that it is completed.
- * Even if you are not sure of the RIGHT answers, look to see that their answers make sense.
- * Read any teacher comments on returned homework.



OTHER TIPS....

- * Get your student a folder or planner that they use for daily homework.
- * Go through this planner/folder every day.
- * Be on the lookout for messages, notes, or other correspondence from the teacher.
- * Ask your child what they learned in school that day.
- * **DON'T ACCEPT "NOTHING" OR "I DON'T KNOW" AS AN ANSWER!!!**

Contacting the Teacher

- * Your child's teacher is here to assist both them and you.
- * If you or your child is having any kind of problems, contact the teacher.
- * The teacher **WANTS** your child to be successful!!!



When to contact the teacher...

- * If the instructions on the assignment are not clear.
- * If you are struggling in trying to help your child get organized.
- * If you are unable to provide needed materials.
- * If the assignments are consistently too hard or too easy.
- * If your child missed school and needs to make up assignments.



Homework resources

- * There are a variety of Internet resources available to help you and your student.
- * Check out Mr. Blackstock's technology corner on the Lincoln Elementary website.

