

Top Tips for Good Homework Habits



1. Find a quiet place to use as a homework area, this may mean turning the television off for a while. Some quiet music playing can help a child to stay focused.
2. Try to work at a table and have the right equipment eg: pens, pencils, ruler, scissors, rubber and glue.
3. Plan a homework timetable and agree with your child when they will do their homework. Some need time to relax when they get in from school to recharge their batteries; others like to get on with it as soon as they get home.
4. If your child does their homework when they get in from school, make sure that they have a snack and a drink first as this will help them concentrate.
5. Don't be tempted to give your child the answers in order to get it done or to help them get it all right. Show them how to find the answer.

6. Teachers are far more impressed by children's effort, rather than a perfectly produced piece of homework which is not the child's own work. It is better to help your child to produce their best effort.
7. Keep homework fun by showing an interest in what they are learning and discussing how it links to work they are doing at school. It is time spent together which is precious. Use it to find out what your child is learning at school.
8. Small children need little chunks of time rather than sitting for lengthy periods. Spread the homework tasks out over the week but remember to read with your child every day.
9. Remember to review homework with your child after it has been marked. Discuss what they did well and what they would have done differently. This way they will learn to reflect on their performance and gain skills in improving their work.