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Homework Tips

Help your child get into a routine.

- **Have a regular place for homework.** It should be some place quiet and well lit where your child can work without being bothered or distracted.
- **Set a regular time for homework.** Discuss with your child a plan for what will work best. Some children get their homework done right after school; others need to take a break first. If that is the case, make sure you discuss with your child a timeframe for their break to ensure they do not procrastinate with getting back to work. If necessary, set a timer as a reminder for them to return to their homework.
- **Keep a homework supply box.** Make sure it is filled with plenty of pens, pencils, highlighters, markers, crayons, colored pencils, post it notes, index cards, glue sticks, stapler, stapler remover, loose leaf paper, reinforcements for papers and reference books like a dictionary for them to use during their homework.
- **Make sure your child has their agenda out.** Since some children try and do their homework from memory, using their agenda will help to prevent them from forgetting any homework that they have due. If your child forgets to write down their homework be sure to have them check their teacher's e-board. If your child has no homework that day, then in class they should write No HW or put a smiley face for that subject.
- **Discuss with your child a homework plan.** See what homework assignment they would like to complete first. Your child can even number each assignment in their agenda and then cross out or check off each assignment as they complete it. If your child is unsure of which homework assignment to do see how they are feeling that day. Sometimes it's nice to get the easy assignments out of the way first. Other times doing the hard ones first makes everything else seem like a "piece of cake". This "save the easiest for last" strategy can also help motivate your child to want to get in some extra studying time since they will be finishing on a high note.
- **Organize for tomorrow.** When your child is finished with their homework make sure everything is put away accordingly in their binder. This will ensure that they won't forget anything at home. Mornings can be very busy in households, so make sure your child's clothes are set out the night before and their backpack is packed with what they need and by the door ready to go.