

# HOMework TIPS

1. **Routine** – Develop a routine for working on homework. Identify a consistent time of day to complete homework, and encourage your child to work in a consistent order (i.e. math then writing then spelling...). Always end by having your child organize his/her binder and papers and put his/her backpack in a place he/she can easily find it in the morning.
2. **Location** – Identify a good location for your child to do his/her homework. Look for one that has minimal distractions, has plenty of space to work, is comfortable (but not so comfortable he/she will fall asleep!), and allows for adult help or supervision (if necessary).
3. **Assignments** – Each week students in grades K-2 are provided a homework log that clearly outlines work to be completed. Students in grades 3-8 should write down all of their work in their assignment notebook. Make sure your child is using these valuable tools.
4. **Ask God for Help** – Homework can, at times, be frustrating for students. They may struggle in a particular area, fall behind due to sickness, or prefer to be doing something else. When your child seems distracted, discouraged, or distraught, use this as an opportunity to point him/her to God, who cares for them and is ready to help. Pray together and encourage your child to lift up his/her needs to Him.

5. **Don't Rush** – Students can rush through homework just to get finished. Help your child take the time necessary to do a good job and to take his/her homework seriously. Remind your child that he/she will reap what he/she sows!
6. **Review** – Have your child review a little each night before getting started on assignments. Go through each subject and consider what your child can review (notes, vocabulary, spelling, flash cards, textbook...).
7. **Study** – Often the night before a test students have “study” as their homework. Help your child study effectively to prepare for his/her assessment. Remind him/her that this is not a night off, but instead one of the most important parts of homework.
8. **Plan Ahead for Long-term Projects** – From time to time your child will have a long-term project. Encourage your child to get a little bit done each night so he/she and you are not overwhelmed the night before the project is due.
9. **Providing Wise Help** – We encourage parents to be involved as their child completes his homework. Especially for younger students, parents need to assist their child, but parents should make sure their child does the work as they help. Students should read as much as possible, and all written work should be in the child's handwriting. As students get older, they should become more independent in completing their homework.

10. **Tutor** – If a child has significant struggles in a particular subject, a family may need to hire a tutor to work with their child. This type of one-on-one help can make a significant difference for a child.
11. **Encourage** – Encouragement is good for everyone, especially our children! They work very hard on their homework, and we have a wonderful opportunity to encourage them. Tell them you are grateful for their hard work and diligence. Remind them that it will pay off. And teach them that all you want is for them to work hard and do their best (that’s what God wants too!).
12. **Communicate with the Teacher** – Parents should feel free to contact the teacher if they have any questions. Encourage your child (especially older students) to quickly go to the teacher for help or clarification.

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