

**Parents are an integral part of making homework a positive experience for their child. Our recommendations to parents are as follows:**

- Please make homework a top priority in your household and show your child that you value its worth by offering the following kinds of support:
- Schedule a time with your child for completing homework assignments. Homework habits are easily formed if children work the same time each day.
- Help your child choose an appropriate study location. This location should have good lighting and be free from distractions such as television (visible or auditory), computer (except for assigned research), telephone, and lyrical music.
- Provide all necessary supplies. This may include but not be limited to pencils, pens, colored pencils and markers, erasers, scissors, ruler, staples, paper clips, highlighters, glue, transparent tape, writing paper, construction paper, dictionary and thesaurus. Computer supplies may include computer and working printer, paper, writing, publishing, and graphing programs such as Inspiration, Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Internet access.
- Ask your child to describe their assignment before beginning. This will allow both of you to explore possibilities, materials, and ideas to complete the assignment with the expectation for a personal best in success.
- Determine the goals of the assignment.
- Encourage your child to work on their own, but say that you are available for help.
- If your child does need help, look over the material before you offer assistance so you are familiar with the assignment.
- Take the role of resource consultant for your child, but do not hover over them with constant advice. Remember that sometimes the best help is a hug, a smile, or word of approval.
- If your child becomes frustrated, put away the assignment for a while.
- Please be available to check their work to determine whether the assignment is complete and done to the best of their ability. Pay particular attention to neatness, spelling, and grammar.
- Does the assignment meet or exceed the original goals?
- Praise your child for completing their homework
- If you notice a problem, please contact the teacher
- In general be encouraging and supportive. Your attitude is contagious.