

Homework/Study Skills

Set your child up for success with a homework routine that works

Homework in middle school as opposed to elementary school can usually be summed up with the word more. There is more of it, it is given more frequently and it is more complex.

You can help your child make a successful transition if you:

- Know what your child is doing after school. If you are not at home, have a system through which he checks in frequently.
- Make sure your child has a place that suits him for doing homework. His nook should be comfortable and well lit.
- Tell your child that his schoolwork is important to you because your family values education.
- Set up a schedule. Some children don't need this, but many do. Homework is more likely to get done if the words: "Do homework from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m." are written down in a prominent place in your home.
- Encourage your child to set goals. Example: Do five math problems daily for weekly assignment. If I complete this goal, I will be done with math by Friday and have my weekend free.
- Teach your child to plan ahead for large assignments. Have a calendar for writing down due dates. Break up the assignment into chunks and have a due date for each chunk. That way your child will not be doing everything the night before the project is due.

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