

Tips for Parents

Make homework and school a priority – before going out to play, before TV, a game, whatever.

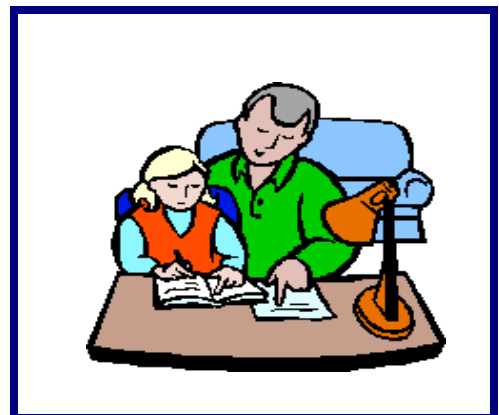
Whether you work in the public or private sector, or are a stay at home parent, everyone has some type of job. It is important that we do our best at our job for the sake of our family and future. Similarly, a child's job is to attend school and it is important that they do just as good at their job as you do at yours.

Insist that your child have a consistent study time each day.

Consistency and routines will help smooth the transition into middle school and as they progress academically.

Set up a homework area free of distractions and will all the necessary supplies.

Preparation is the key to success. Being able to concentrate is another key element as well.



Supervise their work, but don't fall into the trap of doing their work.

For a child to grow intellectually, they need to be stimulated with information new to them. You are who you are today because of the successes and failures you encountered while in school. Allow your child to experience and learn from their successes and failures as well.

Model as often as possible.

If parents can sit and read or do some of their own work, children learn that everyone has responsibilities and learning is life long.

Your child is unique.

No matter how tempted you are, do not compare your child's performance with siblings, or even other children their age. What works for one, may not work for another.

Work with your child on organization skills.

Establish a place where books and work should be kept in a neat, orderly fashion. Make sure all work is placed in your child's backpack the night before the next school day.

