

10 Tips on Homework Help:

1. Provide a clean, orderly area with a solid writing surface and a good chair.
2. Minimize noise and other distractions such as TV, radio, other children, loud discussions, phone calls, etc.
3. When helping, don't just give the answers – be sure to guide the child to find his or her own answers.
4. If the child is really struggling, it's okay to submit an incorrect assignment; it shows their teacher that it's a difficult area and should help guide classroom instruction.
5. Know the child. Be sensitive to individual needs. Remember, kids spend their entire day in school. Some children do better getting their homework done right after school, some need to relax for a while first, and others need to divide the tasks with breaks in between.
6. Avoid doing homework in the morning before school or just before bed.
7. Provide a healthy snack for the child before homework or as a break between tasks.
8. Avoid depending on older/more advanced children to help younger/less advanced children with homework all the time.
9. Ask the child every day about homework. Know what is expected in the classroom. This will help hold the child accountable for work required outside of school.
10. Communicate with the teacher. Caregivers and parents are the school's best partners and an essential part of every child's education.