

## Let's Talk about Homework

1. Get in touch with teachers when you have questions or concerns.

- Ask for information about homework practices.
- Discuss the overall learning goals for your child.
- Ask how homework supports the learning goals.
- Ask for suggestions for handling homework.



Talk with your child's school or teachers.

2. With your child, decide on the best ways to complete homework.

- Plan routines for doing homework.
- From time to time, change the routines.  
Examples: change the time of day for doing homework; do the easier part first or last.
- Plan the physical space together.
- Examples: work at a desk or the kitchen table, with or without background music.

3. Keep an eye on homework.

- Be available for help.  
Example: If necessary, help your child to understand the homework directions.
- Use praise to encourage your child.
- Discuss and apply other rewards.
- If needed, create tools with the teacher and child.  
Examples: sign-off, comments.
- Invite your child to problem solve.
- Ask your child to reflect on success.



Be aware of how your child is doing.

4. Respond to homework performance.

- Offer specific feedback.
- Consult teachers for questions to ask.
- Invite your child to self-evaluate.

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**Before you speak, ask yourself: Is it necessary? Is it better than silence?**

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