



Let's Talk about Homework

1. Interact with school or teacher

- Contact teacher with questions or concerns
- Obtain written info about homework policies & practices, educational objectives
- Talk with teachers about mutual goals for child's learning
- Learn how homework specifically supports learning goals
- Ask for suggestions on strategies

2. Establish physical and psychological structures

- Work together to plan guidelines and routines
- Alternate routines (time of day, easier part first or last?)
- Discuss and apply reinforcers
- Use effective praise
- Plan physical space together



3. Provide general oversight

- Be available, be aware
- Help with understanding (re-read directions)
- Provide positive feedback
- Individualize
- Create tools with teacher and child as needed
- Sign-off
- Comments
- Invite child to problem solve
- Invite child to reflect on success

4. Respond to homework performance

- Be specific and knowledgeable in feedback
- Ask teachers for questions to ask and other feedback tools
- Invite child to self-evaluate

Try conscious communication - before you speak, ask yourself:

- *Is it necessary?*
- *Is it better than silence?*

