

# Homework Tips for Parents!

Troy Middle School teachers made this list of homework tips, study skills, and websites that they think will be useful for parents and their children. We hope you will find something helpful here that will bring success to your child's school year. Enjoy!

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1. Use your assignment log. Fill in every box.
2. Write down the assignments at the beginning or end of every class.
3. Discuss, explain, or review the day's lessons to a parent.
4. Check your child's assignments for completeness.
5. Attend the Homework Club at your school.
6. Do homework in a quiet place, free of distractions—TV, loud music, video games, cell phones, etc. Get started early—right after school or right after dinner.
7. When starting homework, do the most difficult class or assignment first—Get it out of the way!
8. Use the syllabus your Teacher gave you to plan ahead for schedules, deadlines, and due dates.
9. Be aware of big projects and due dates and help your child do a little each evening, rather than procrastinating until the last minute.
10. Always keep a supply of paper, pencils, and crayons available. Keep a black printer cartridge ready, too.
11. Make and use flashcards. Design a "Wheel of Fortune" or "Jeopardy" game to play.
12. Study for 20 minutes and have someone quiz you every day before a test.
13. When practicing your instrument, pick the best time and place and stick to it.
14. Read a textbook every night.
15. Study or review the information of the chapter on a daily basis.
16. Make a copy of the Social Studies or Science chapter your child is studying. Have your child highlight, underline, circle, put question marks, etc. and interact with the text. Brain research says that the more learners are involved with the text, the more they will remember.
17. Use an acronym to help you remember. For example: HOMES to recall the Great Lakes.
18. Create a mnemonic to remember lists, rules, and processes. For example: FANBOYS (Coordinating conjunctions): *for, and, nor, but, or, yet, so*.
19. Read a pleasure book every day for 20 minutes.
20. Keep things in balance: Playing, exercising, eating, and sleeping--Elementary children require 10 hours,

