

Homework Bill of Musts

1. **Read to your children as early and often as possible!** This will teach your kids to hear your voice and be attentive. It is good practice for you as well.
2. **Create a 'quiet zone' for your children to do their homework!** No TV, radio, or outside interference. That way you can help your child one on one without distractions.
3. **Do homework at the same time every day!** Even if it is after a school activity or dinner, the structure is important to your child.
4. **Go over homework more than once!** Reinforcement is the key to children remembering a concept. The more they see/hear it, the better chance they will remember it.
5. **Be on an 'email' basis with the teacher!** Remember, you child's success is a team effort with you as the head coach. Good communication is always a good idea.
6. **Model behavior that shows school and homework is important!** It doesn't matter if you are well educated or not. Kids will pick up on the idea.
7. **Look at homework as 'quality time' with your kids!** It is a time where two-way communication can last a lifetime if you keep the lines open. There will be times when your child may want to test you on this one - do not give in.
8. **If there are younger siblings in the home, give them work as well!** This will give the younger siblings the same work habits needed to be successful in school.
9. **Complete homework when assigned, NOT when due!** This will make homework a priority and create good work habits for in and out of school.
10. **Have the personal discipline to make the first nine statements work. It's all up to you because YOU are the most important role model in your children's lives!**