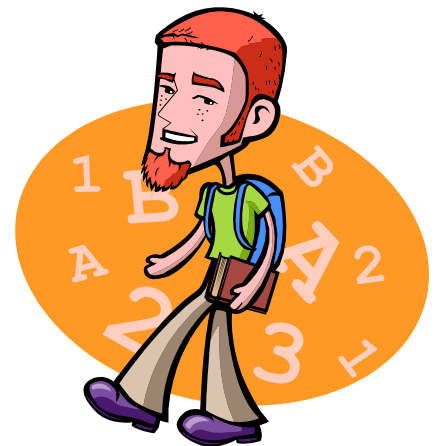
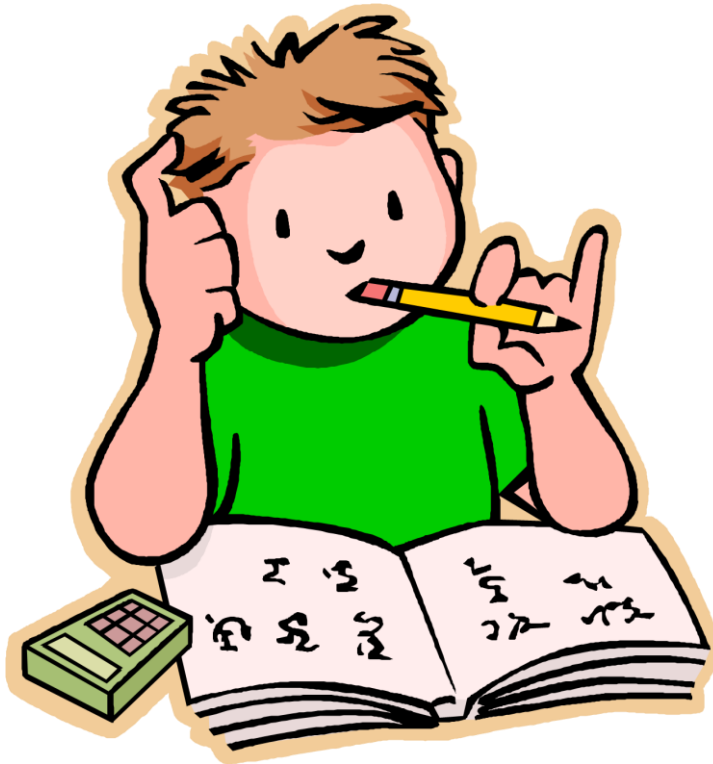


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HOMework MADE PAINLESS



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Making Homework Painless

Learning the Parent's Role in Homework

➤ Homework is an extension of classroom studies. Homework also serves as an indicator as to whether or not your children retained what was taught.

➤ The parent's role in their child's homework is only to create an environment for studying and to check their work for completion and neatness.



➤ It is not the parent's job to teach or correct their child's homework. In fact, we tend to mess everything up.

➤ There is a difference between "unfinished class work" and "homework"

➤ Students' verbal skills are more advanced than their written skills

- Less is more – Questions are Better (Socratic Method)
- Ask directional type questions



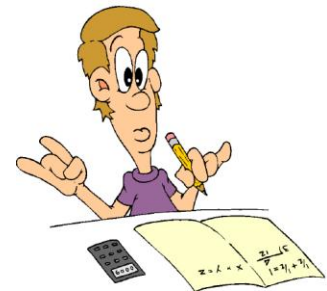
➤ Students have difficulty in knowing what to do, and when. (Strategies)

➤ When doing math, there are two issues.

- Setting up the problem (what formula or equation to use)
- Computation (adding, subtracting, multiplying, etc.)

➤ Students have a difficult time understanding directions.

- Have child read directions out loud to you 3 times before any help.



➤ Students will say they have no homework in order to be allowed to go outside and play.

➤ If at all possible, homework should be completed prior to dinner.

➤ Motivate your children with praise.

- Specific
- Supportable
- Repeatable



- Create an area for homework “only”
 - Set up a proper study area.
 - One location
 - Well-lit
 - Post a “**Do not disturb**” sign
 - Homework survival kit
 - Quiet



- Consistent / static homework time. Starting and finishing times are set. (*Speeders and Forgetters*)

- Rest / snack break when student comes home from school

- Systematic textbook reading



- **C** – captions and pictures
- **H** – heading / paragraphs
- **I** – *italic* / **bold-faced** words
- **P** – predicting / questions



- Students learn best through discovery or teaching another
- Getting their best work through high expectations
- Homework contracts

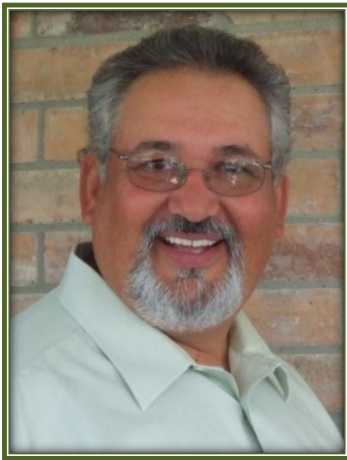
- Be specific when talking to teachers

- Why I am calling
- What I expect
- When I expect it
- How I know when it has happened
- Get everything in writing



- Parents should know the following information from each teacher

- Attendance / grading procedure
- Teacher / parent communication method
- Homework expectations
- Phone number / conference period
- Discipline Plan (*Rules / Positives / Consequences*)



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