

- Discuss your homework expectations with your child and why you have these expectations.
- Have a well lit, organized desk with all needed supplies.
- Set up a homework schedule. Some students can work two hours straight, while others need to break it up.
- Quiet the house down as much as possible. Young siblings may make this difficult, but it can be hard for a teenager to study while others are laughing in another room while watching their favorite show.
- Go over your child's agenda and help organize time, especially around major assignments.
- The typical question of "do you have homework?" does not usually garner a meaningful response.

## Ask to see:

- O What they have due the next day.
- When their tests are.
- When the major projects are due and what they are about.
- Studies show that even a few minutes of review for what was learned in school that day can help cement that information in the long term
- If organization is a weakness for your child, check often and insist that papers go in their proper place.
- Consider the impact of cell phones and computers on your child's studying and sleeping habits. It is not their inalienable right to be in contact with their friends 24/7.
- Email your child's teachers at the first hint of any problem.