

## Parents and Homework

Preface	Study time should always be preceded by playtime---especially active, outdoor activities. The school day is long; children work hard. They need free time to have fun and do relaxing things.
A Regular Time	For homework develops the habit of daily study. If there is no homework, use this time for reading, games or other quiet activities.
A Regular Place	For study ensures that supplies and material will be available. Adequate lighting and absence of distractions help in concentration---no T.V., loud music, or other children interrupting.
Five Minute Breaks	For every half-hour of study are important. Sitting in one place for too long is tiring! Kids can create enhancing things with their 5 minutes!
Supervision	Is necessary. If done with kindness, it tells the child that you're interested and willing to help. Avoid unnecessary lecturing and moralizing.
Planning Ahead	Is difficult for some children. Teach organization by being organized yourself. Offer simple plans to help the child keep up (for example, a calendar, a daily assignment book, chart, or a habit of writing notes and reminders).
Knowing How To Study	Is an art that is learned! Doing the hardest work first leaves the easiest for last, which creates a good feeling. Reading a chapter by paragraphs (rather than as whole) and answering questions about each aids understanding.
Appreciate	Children for their uniqueness, their efforts to please, their humor, and their delightful winsomeness.  When children feel good about themselves, they will exert great effort to succeed.

“The wise man sees his new born child walking away from him”.

**Kahil Gibran**