
Homework isn't the only way to bond with your grandchild!

- ⇒ Get to know your grandchild's school friends.
- ⇒ Attend school events such as band concerts and football games.
- ⇒ Ask your grandchild about his or her day.
- ⇒ Create a future career and educational plan with your grandchild.
- ⇒ Read the same book your grandchild has to read for English class. Talk about the book together.

Remember. . .although it can be frustrating, homework is a great time to bond with your grandchild.

For additional information and resources, call ParentLink at 1-800-552-8522 or 573-882-7321.



A Homework Checklist

Helping your grandchild succeed in school



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A Checklist for Success!

Show that you think education and homework are important

- ◇ Do you set a regular time every day for homework?
- ◇ Does your grandchild have the papers, books, pencils, and other things needed to complete assignments?
- ◇ Does your grandchild have a quiet place to study with lots of light?
- ◇ Do you set a good example by reading and writing yourself?
- ◇ Do you stay in touch with your grandchild's teachers?

Monitor assignments

- ◇ Do you know what your grandchild's homework assignments are? How long should they take? How does the teacher want you to be involved?
- ◇ Do you see that the assignments are started and completed?
- ◇ Do you read the teachers comments on assignments that are returned?
- ◇ Is TV viewing cutting into your grandchild's homework time?

Provide guidance

- ◇ Do you understand and respect your grandchild's style of learning? Does he or she work better alone or with someone else?
- ◇ Do you help your grandchild get organized? Does your grandchild need a homework calendar or planner? Does he need a notebook or folders for each class?
- ◇ Do you encourage your grandchild to develop good study habits? Do you help him or her schedule enough time to complete big assignments? Do you help him or her make up missing or uncompleted work?
- ◇ Do you let your grandchild try to work problems out on his own before you offer support or guidance?



Talk with someone at school when a problem arises

- ◇ Do you meet the teacher early in the year before any problems come up?
- ◇ If a problem comes up, do you meet with the teacher?
- ◇ Do you cooperate with the teacher and your grandchild to work out a plan and a schedule to fix homework problems?
- ◇ Do you follow up with the teacher and with your grandchild to make sure the plan is working?
- ◇ Do you have a method of communication established with the teacher? Do you know his or her work phone number? Email address? Do you know when his or her planning period is?

Finally. . .consider your own feelings! If you get frustrated, take a few minutes to relax and reflect. Helping with homework is a tough job!