



# Westbrook School

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## 10 Helpful Homework Hints for Parents

1. Set aside a regular time for reading, study and homework. It is important to develop a routine. (However, also allow time for after-school fun; students need a break from academics before jumping right into homework.)
2. Check your child's school agenda as soon as they get home to ensure that they have been filled out accurately and in detail.
3. Create a quiet, well-lit environment (i.e. A Homework Corner). Children using the computer for homework should be regularly monitored for both safety and to ensure that they are remaining on task.
4. Provide supplies and resources; keep these items in one place (i.e., Create a Homework Bin).
5. Help your child get "oriented" and manage after-school time. Go over the homework assignment with young children before they start work. Ask young adults when they get home to estimate how much time it will take to complete homework. Plan in advance the balance between homework, television and extra-curricular activities.
6. Be on hand to encourage and praise effort and a job well done.
7. When your child is doing homework, if possible, model the behaviour by using the time to read books, magazines, or newspapers; write letters, lists or emails; use math skills to calculate your cheque book or pay bills.
8. When your child is finished with an assignment, ask them to explain it to you (i.e. if the assignment was to read a story, ask: who was the main character? What did they have to do? How did the story end?).
9. Ask the child's teacher about the Westbrook homework policy, specifically how does the teacher want YOU to be involved?
10. If you or your child has questions about a particular homework assignment, please contact the homeroom or subject teacher as soon as possible.