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## Elementary Homework Tips from Mrs. Snyder

Homework should not be a battle. Here are some steps you can take to encourage your elementary-age child to take responsibility for his own homework assignments.

**Remove distractions** - Do homework in a quiet place that does not have distractions. Turn off the TV; don't expect your child to do homework in a room where siblings are playing.

**Establish a routine** - Set a specific "homework time" such as right after supper. Require that homework be complete before your child can watch TV, use the phone, etc.

**Prioritize** - Encourage your child to work first on those assignments that are due tomorrow. Then tackle the tasks that are due later. Help your child plan his studying so that projects are not left until the last minute. An assignment book can be a big help with this.

**Check understanding** - Be sure your child understands new assignments before he or she starts working on them. This one can save lots of late-evening tears!

**Guide, but don't correct** - If your child needs help, offer ideas that can help her sort out the problem, but don't give her the answers.

**Get organized for tomorrow** - Remind your child to pack the backpack before going to bed. Even the best homework effort doesn't do much good if it's left on the kitchen table!

Thanks for your help! - Mrs. Snyder