

Cool Tool for Parents
**HOMEWORK ROUTINE**

**FAMILY EXPECTATIONS:**

Be Safe \* Be Respectful \* Be Responsible \* Be Caring \* It’s the Jaguar Way!

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| BE SAFEUse homework tools safely. | BE RESPECTFULFollow parent’s directions. | BE RESPONSIBLEDo homework each day. Be on task and focused. Do good, quality work. | BE CARINGTry, even when it is hard. |

HELPING WITH HOMEWORK PROCEDURES:

1. Set up a space for homework away from distractions, with homework tools available.
2. Choose a time in your daily schedule for homework and try to stick to that time.
3. Have your child unpack his/her backpack and show you the work to be done each day before starting homework.
4. With your child, decide the order that work should be completed.
5. Estimate how much time each activity will take and write this time on the homework sheet or the checklist.
6. Review the directions for the first activity with you child. Have you child read the directions out loud and ensure your child knows what should be done.
7. Watch your child start the first problem or begin the activity.
8. Set a timer or watch the clock.
9. WALK AWAY.
10. Check with your child again after 10 minutes or halfway through the assignment.
11. WALK AWAY.
12. When the assignment is completed, repeat these steps for each homework activity.

WHAT IF…

Your child is not able to complete homework because he/she does not understand the directions?

* Have your child do what he/she can and ask you for assistance when needed. Write a note to the teacher explaining the problem.

Your child works diligently, but can’t finish the homework in an appropriate length of time?

* Have your child do what he/she can. Write a note to the teacher explaining the problem.

Your child gets frequently distracted while doing homework?

* Shorten the length of time your child works and provide frequent breaks. Remove ALL distractions (TV, radio, pets, siblings).

Your child does not bring homework or needed books home?

* Your child will have a natural consequence at school (homework during recess, etc).
* Assign an appropriate consequence if you choose.

Your child refuses to do homework or has tantrums about doing work ?

* Calmly remind your child that he/she will have to complete the work later or at school.
* Assign an appropriate consequence if you choose (no TV, video games, etc. until work is completed).
* Set up a system with the teacher know if your child was cooperative with homework. The teacher will work with you to reinforce appropriate homework behaviors.