

Tips for Parental Support in Remote Learning



- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do schoolwork.**
Avoid having your child do work with the television on or in places with other distractions.
- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils, and a device, are available.**
Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- **Help your child with time management.**
Establish a set time each day for doing schoolwork. Don't let your child leave schoolwork until just before bedtime. Keep the assigned time consistent every day and arguments will decrease.
- **Be positive about homework.**
Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about learning will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **When your child does work, you do work.**
Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is working, you work too.
- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**
Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in schoolwork, do it.**
Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.
- **If schoolwork is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**
Too much parent involvement can prevent the work from having some positive effects. Doing schoolwork by oneself is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- **Stay informed.**
Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of the work.
- **Help your child figure out what is hard work and what is easy work.**
Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.
- **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.**
Let your child take a short break if she is having trouble keeping her mind on an assignment.
- **Reward progress in schoolwork.**
If your child has been successful in schoolwork completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with your praise and/or a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park).
- **Communicate with the teacher.**
If the work is too easy or too difficult, let the teacher know. Schoolwork should be practice for a skill that student is trying to master. If it is too easy or too hard, that needs to be addressed as a team.