

LEE CANTER'S TOP TIPS ON HOMEWORK

Taken from "Help! It's Homework Time," by Lee Canter

1. ESTABLISH DAILY HOMEWORK TIME

Set a daily homework time with your child. Allow NO distractions (no TV, no phone, no playing). Review assignments with your child so you know what needs to be done. Have the daily homework time **EVEN IF YOUR CHILD SAYS THERE IS NO HOMEWORK.**

2. LET YOUR CHILD KNOW HOMEWORK IS IMPORTANT.

"Homework is just as important as the work you do in school. I care about you and it is important you do your very best on all your assignments."

3. MAKE A "HOMEWORK SURVIVAL KIT" FOR YOUR HOME.

Don't waste time looking for pencils, markers, scissors, etc. Keep these supplies all in one place and make sure your child knows right where they are.

4. CHECK TO SEE YOUR CHILD STARTS HOMEWORK ON TIME.

If you cannot be home at that time, have an older sibling or babysitter check, or call home yourself to ask about it.

5. CHECK THE COMPLETED HOMEWORK.

This step is very important. Look at homework every day when it is done to see if it is neat and complete. If you are not home when it is done, have your child leave it out so you can look at it.

6. MAKE A "HOMEWORK DROP SPOT" AND USE IT DAILY.

Help students remember to take completed assignments to school. Make it a routine to put the completed homework either by the front door or at whatever "don't miss this" spot your family uses so it won't be forgotten in the morning.

7. IF HOMEWORK PROBLEMS PERSIST, CONTACT THE TEACHER.

If parents and teachers monitor assignments together, this will help correct bad homework habits. Teachers can help parents with a "homework contract."



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