



Math Homework Tips for Parents

- ◆ Encourage your child to use a daily math assignment book.
- ◆ Follow the progress your child is making in math. Check with your child daily about his/her homework.
- ◆ If you don't understand your child's math assignments, engage in frequent communication with his/her teacher.
- ◆ If your child is experiencing problems in math, contact the teacher to learn whether he/she is working at grade level and what can be done at home to help improve academic progress.
- ◆ Request that your child's teacher schedule after-school math tutoring sessions if your child really needs help.
- ◆ Advocate with the principal for the use of research-based tutoring programs for math. These tutoring programs have proven results, and students really enjoy them.
- ◆ Use household chores as opportunities for reinforcing math learning, such as cooking and repair activities.
- ◆ Try to be aware of how your child is being taught math, and don't teach strategies and shortcuts that conflict with the approach the teacher is using. Check in with the teacher and ask what you can do to help. Ask the teacher about online resources that you can use with your child at home.
- ◆ At the beginning of the year, ask your child's teacher for a list of suggestions that will enable you to help your child with math homework.

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