

# Checklist for Helping Your Child with Homework

## 1. Show That You Think Education and Homework Are Important

\_\_\_ Do you set a regular time every day for homework?

\_\_\_ Does your child have the papers, books, pencils and other things needed to do assignments?

\_\_\_ Does your child have a well-lit, fairly quiet place to study?

\_\_\_ Do you set a good example by showing your child that the skills he is learning are an important part of the things he will do as an adult?

\_\_\_ Do you stay in touch with your child's teacher?

## 2. Monitor Assignments

\_\_\_ Do you know what your child's homework assignments are? How long they should take? How the teacher wants you to be involved in them?

\_\_\_ Do you see that your child starts and completes assignments?

\_\_\_ Do you read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned?

\_\_\_ Is TV viewing or video game playing cutting into your child's homework time?

## 3. Provide Guidance

\_\_\_ Do you help your child to get organized? Does your child need a schedule or assignment book? A book bag or backpack and a folder for papers?

\_\_\_ Do you encourage your child to develop good study habits (for example, scheduling enough time for big assignments; making up practice tests)?

\_\_\_ Do you talk with your child about homework assignments? Does she understand them?

## 4. Talk with Teachers to Resolve Problems

\_\_\_ Do you meet with the teacher early in the year before any problems arise?

\_\_\_ If a problem comes up, do you meet with the teacher?

\_\_\_ Do you cooperate with the teacher to work out a plan and a schedule to solve homework problems?

\_\_\_ Do you follow up with the teacher and with your child to make sure the plan is working?