Homework Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Create the Environment**

☐ **Make sure children have a fairly quiet place to study with lots of light.**

☐ **Put together a homework kit.**

☐ **Check if children have access to the necessary resources.**

☐ **Set a regular time every day for homework.**

☐ **Find appropriate background music.**

☐ **Show support by staying nearby, whenever possible.**

☐ **Use positive reinforcement, when appropriate.**

☐ **Check if children have time to unwind after school.**

☐ **Check if children have a homework "buddy".**

☐ **Offer a nutritious snack to children before homework is started.**

☐ **Encourage children to take short breaks while doing homework.**

☐ **Ask children not to distract each other while they are doing homework.**

☐ **Show children that homework is important.**

☐ **Resolve Problems**

☐ **Stay in touch with children teachers.**

☐ **Contact the teacher early in the year before any problems arise.**

☐ **Cooperate with the teacher to work out a plan and a schedule to resolve homework problems.**

☐ **Follow up with teachers and with children to make sure the plans are working.**

☐ **Provide Guidance**

☐ **Draw the line between providing guidance and doing the homework for your children.**

☐ **Understand and respect your children's styles of learning.**

☐ **Check if children work better alone or with someone else.**

☐ **Encourage your children to develop good study habits.**

☐ **Help your children to get organized.**

☐ **Talk with your children about homework assignments.**

☐ **Make sure children understand homework assignements.**

☐ **Praise your children when it is appropriate.**

☐ **Make sure you know the school's homework policy.**

☐ **Make sure assignments are started and completed.**

☐ **Read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned.**