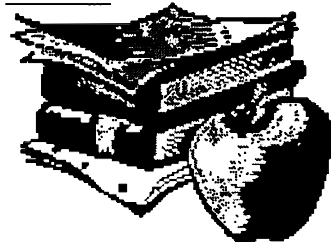


Homework is Worthwhile



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Homework Has A Purpose:

Although homework covers a wide range of tasks and activities from drills and studying to research assignments, it serves many purposes.

Homework:

- Reinforces skills and concepts taught in class;
- Provides extra drill in areas where students are weak;
- Helps students to develop self discipline and self motivation;
- Allows students to gain experience in research techniques;
- Provides an opportunity for students to develop study habits, including organization of time and materials;
- Provides a basic communication link between home and school;
- Gives parents an informal report of a student’s progress.

How Parents Can Help:

- Make sure there is a quiet, regular place to work;
- Help the student organize time for assignments by limiting time for homework and prioritizing the assignments according to difficulty;
- Provide an “audience” for oral reading and skills in need of drill;
- Be a resource by providing helpful hints about where and how to locate information;
- Be a proof- reader;
- Provide words of encouragement;
- Run interference for visitors, phone calls, and other interruptions.

All of these can help the student but parents should also remember that too much help can prevent a student from developing healthy independent study habits.