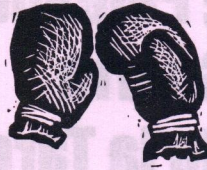


Fighting the Homework War?



Homework plays a very important role in your child's education, but it's often the least fun part of learning. Children generally prefer to be playing or watching TV. You can ease homework frustrations by:

- ▮ Making homework and learning a high priority in your home.
- ▮ Establishing a routine time for homework.
- ▮ Letting children choose where they are most comfortable doing homework. This may be their room or the kitchen table, but not in front of the TV.
- ▮ Having a homework supply box in the study area, eliminating time wasted hunting for supplies.
- ▮ Offering a favorite snack and beverage.
- ▮ Making sure distractions are at a minimum.
- ▮ Drawing clear boundaries that you are there as a resource, but not there to do the homework for them.
- ▮ Busing yourself with household chores or reading during homework time. It's tough for children to concentrate when Mom or Dad is watching TV or having fun.
- ▮ Being available for trips to the library or other learning sources.
- ▮ Being a good role model by letting children observe you reading, balancing your check book or engaging in a learning activity.

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