

TIPS FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS



- Choose a regular time and place for homework. Help your child decide when and where he/she is most productive. (In front of the television should not be an option.)
- Make sure your child writes all of her/his homework in her/his assignment book. (Studying is homework.)
- Use a large wall calendar and get your child in the habit of writing his/her own commitments. (Sports, music lessons, tests, projects...) Have her/him write down the names and numbers of two buddies in each class that she/he can call with a homework question.
- Encourage your child to make daily to-do lists. They're great reminders, and it feels good to cross off finished tasks. Use a portable timer. Set it when your child has trouble sticking to a schedule, such as during phone calls, instant messages, or while doing homework.
- Teach your child to break large tasks into small parts. For example, if she/he has a book report due in two weeks, plan each step she/he will take to complete it.
- Have your child clean out his/her backpack at least once a week. If he/she does this over the weekend, he/she will start each week organized.
- Use routines throughout the day. For example, your child might brush her/his teeth, lay out clothes for the next day, and pack her/his backpack before bed. (Never wait until morning to pack the backpack.)
- Set a good example. If you're organized, your child is more likely to be organized, too.
- Remember that the more organized your child is, the more time he/she will have to have fun. Be sure to have him/her take advantage of the extra-curricular activities the middle school offers.