

NO MORE Homework Battles!!!

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Does homework have to be a battle? Absolutely NOT!!! In fact, the more we battle with our kids over it, the less enthusiastic they'll be about learning.

Listed below are some practical and powerful tips for keeping things positive and productive at your home:

#1. Set a time and place for your child(ren) to learn.

To avoid power struggles explain, *"This is your time to learn. You may learn by either completing your homework or thinking really hard about it. If it were my learning time, I'd probably use it to complete my homework...so that I don't lose my recess time—or have a hassle with my teacher about it."*

#2. Help only when it's clear that they are listening and paying attention to their teachers.

Ask your child, *"How did your teacher describe this?"* If your child appears to be ignoring their teacher, say, *"I help when I see that you've been trying hard to pay attention at school."*

It is critical that our kids know that they should be listening very carefully to their teachers!!!

#3. Help only as long as they are working MUCH harder than you are.

Too many children become far too dependent on their parents to complete their homework. It's FAR better that they don't complete it... than to have you do most of it for them.

#4. If they don't complete their homework, allow it to be THEIR problem... NOT yours.

While it's a tough pill to swallow, we must admit that we cannot learn and achieve for our kids. Homework is THEIR responsibility... NOT ours. What we can do is allow them to explain their lack of effort to their teachers... and support their teachers in assigning commensurate grades.

We can also match their level of effort with the number of privileges we provide at home. Think screen time, play time, friend time, etc!!!

Thanks for Reading!!! ☺

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