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 **General Homework Tips to Help Your Child at Home**

* **Set up a homework-friendly environment for your child. The area should be well lit and extra pencils and paper should be on hand.**
* **Schedule a regular study time. Some children prefer afternoons, while others prefer after dinner.**
* **Know your child’s teachers and attend parent/teacher conferences.**
* **Keep distractions to a minimum…..no TV, loud music, or phone calls.**
* **Motivate and monitor your child while praising their work and efforts.**
* **If your child has continuing problems, get help.**

**Math Tips to Help Your Child at Home**

* **Be sure to bring home everything needed to complete homework including notes and examples.**
* **Read the directions and math word problems completely.**
* **Using a pencil, SHOW ALL WORK!**
* **Whenever possible, draw a diagram.**
* **Cross out any unnecessary information.**
* **Be sure you are using the same unit of measure when performing calculations.**
* **Be sure your answer makes sense (or is logical).**
* **Find the math tutorial in the online textbook for reinforcement of the lesson**
* **Your child may also phone a friend if they are experiencing difficulties.**
* **Ask questions to guide your child through the process such as “What are you trying to find out?”, “Where do you begin?”**
* **Math websites:** [**http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html**](http://www.mathplayground.com/games.html)**,** [**http://www.funbrain.com**](http://www.funbrain.com)**,** [**http://www.aaamath.com**](http://www.aaamath.com)

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