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Notes from the Principal...

Homework provides the chance to practice what was learned today and prepare for what will come tomorrow. Completing homework gives your child a sense of progress and accomplishment. Good study habits may even mean the difference between success and failure in college.

What can you do to help your child build good study habits? Create structure by developing a homework routine. Provide a quiet place for undisturbed study. Make time to help with assignments, and remind your child that you're in this together.

Developing good study habits also means developing a study plan even when there is no "homework." Encourage your child to maintain the "homework routine" each night. Reading, re-writing notes and practicing flashcards are examples of study activities when there is no official "homework." Another strategy to use is the reduction method:

1. Look at notes from class. Have students quiz themselves and find out what they already know.
2. Summarize the notes and rewrite only the notes/facts/concepts that the students still need to learn.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until the notes are reduced to the smallest amount of information.