

# Middle School Guidance



## Hooray for Homework!

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Zoie has her evening planned. She'll do her math homework before dinner, then follow up dessert with Reading and English. Afterward, she can unwind from a busy day at school. Sound impossible? It's not! Help your child make homework go like clockwork with these simple strategies.

**Think it through** - Before your child begins, have her make a to-do-list. Example: solve 10 math problems, reading story in reading book, write a poem. Then, suggest that she number the tasks, from toughest to easiest, and start with the hard stuff. This "save the easiest for last" strategy will help her finish on a high note, perhaps inspiring her to get in some extra studying.

**Think about time** - Ask your child to consider different time slots she can use to get work done. For instance, maybe she could set aside a week-

end morning or Sunday night. Also, many middle school students have time during study periods or after lunch to tackle their homework. Encourage your child to complete one assignment at school each day. The more she does at school, the more "free time" she will have for fun later.

**Think positive** - Help your middle grader see homework as a chance to prove her independence by getting her work done on time and by herself. Boost her confidence by telling her, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." Reinforce/praise her when she does just that.

**Keys to success** - Set your middle school child up for success with some basic pointers. The following checklist will help her get off on the right foot: Attend school everyday unless under the weather. Get 8-

10 hours of sleep every night. Eat a healthy breakfast in the morning. Pay attention in class. Write down assignments for each subject area. Pay attention in class. Start project when assigned. Complete homework on time. Read for pleasure each day. (Middle Years 2009)

### Quote of the month

"No IF'S, No BUT'S; only RESULTS." (Unknown)



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### Points of Interest:

- ✓ - Absent from school? Check out the teacher lesson plans by logging into the Logic House Parent Portal.
- ✓ - Excuses are due the day students return to school. A grace period of three days is allowed before becoming illegal.
- ✓ - Bullying information can be found at: <http://www.bbsd.com/bullying>

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## Important Upcoming Events

The following are a listing of important dates to remember:

**September 1, 2009** - First student day of the 2009 - 2010 school year.

**September 3, 2009** - Individual school pictures for students in Kindergarten through twelfth grade.

**September 7, 2009** - Labor Day. No School.

**October 1, 2009** - First Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.

**October 2, 2009** - Homecoming.

**October 9, 2009** - Middle School Dance (6:30 - 9:00)

**October 12, 2009** - ACT 80 day.

**November 3, 2009** - End of the First Nine Week Grading Period.

**November 25, 2009** - Early

dismissal.

**November 26, 2009** - Happy Thanksgiving.

**November 27 through December 1, 2009** - Thanksgiving Vacation. No school.

**November 30, 2009** - Buck/Doe season begins.

**December 10, 2009** - Second Nine Week Grading Mid-Term.