

What Can Parents Do?

Teaching Good Study Habits

One of the main things that kids struggle with during their school years are proper study habits. Developing a habit can take a couple of weeks, so be consistent, and implement these ten tips to help them study better.

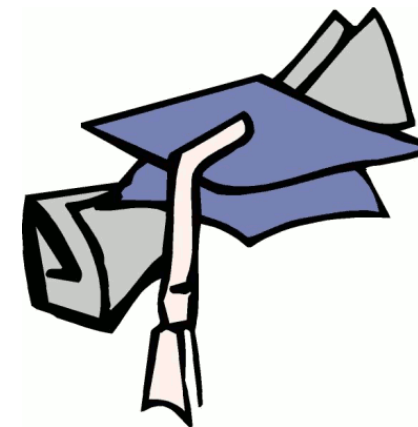
1. A consistent time and place is best. If your child has a desk, have them use it to study, and they should study at a regular time each day.
2. Studying should begin immediately when your child sits down.
3. Help your child plan what they need to accomplish. At the beginning of the study session, help them write down exactly what they want to get done.
4. Large tasks should be broken down into smaller ones.
5. Keep a "log book" or record of needs to be accomplished in each study section. Your child can look over it later and be impressed with themselves!
6. Keep studying supplies in a handy place, like in a shoe box. Have your child organize them so they can grab what they want quickly, without having to rummage around.
7. Be aware of when your child starts to day-dream, and stop them right away. Help them concentrate for blocks of time, but be sure to allow them regular breaks to refresh their brain. Have them try studying for 45 minutes, then resting for 15 minutes.
8. Getting enough sleep is important for effective studying and remembering. Be sure your child has an established bedtime at a reasonable time each night.

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FIFTH GRADE



Fifth graders are our "seniors" on campus. Fifth grade students rotate through ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies classes, all taught by highly qualified teachers. The fifth graders are also eligible to join school clubs, such as 4H, Beta Club, Spirit Club, Library Club, French Club, Technology Club, or Sign Language Club.

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SKILLS

Fifth grade reading skills involve analysis of different types of literature, including folktales and legends. Fifth graders are taught to write more formally, including research papers. One highlight of the fifth grade curriculum is the Social Studies Fair, which is mandatory for all students. Students work in class and at home on a research paper, oral presentation, and display on a topic of their choosing. Judges visit the school and choose the top project from each division and those students participate in the Parish Social Studies Fair. One focus of the social studies curriculum at fifth grade is the study of early American cultures, including Native Americans. Students participate in several art experiences during this period of time.

Study skills become more important at this grade level, as students are expected to be more independent with their learning and classwork.

FIELDTRIPS

Each year the fifth grade class takes a trip to the Lafayette Science Museum, where we participate in activities that correlate with our grade level expectations.

The fifth graders also take a trip to the city of New Orleans. This is a favorite and what we refer to as a “graduation trip”. The students travel to New Orleans on a chartered bus, where they visit the Zoo of New Orleans and have a picnic lunch. Fifth graders look forward to this end of the year trip all year long.

The art teachers also take fifth graders to various performances throughout the community as they are scheduled.

ARTS

In fifth grade, students continue with the arts class they selected in fourth grade. They attend a 45 minute art class in their chosen form four days per week. Fifth grade students also have the opportunity to be selected for an "Advanced Arts" class. Students showcase their new skills in several performance throughout the school year including a Winter and Spring Showcase.

Art teachers work with classroom teachers to prepare academic-infused arts lessons. Classroom teachers are also trained in integrating various art forms into their lessons.

