HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH HOMEWORK

• Work with your child to figure out the best homework routine.

• Review the assignment and help your child come up with an action plan. If it’s a big project, help divide it into manageable sections. If it’s a long set of math problems, encourage your child to do half of it before dinner and half after. If the reading text seems overwhelming, give your child some index cards and demonstrate how to write down one key point on each card.

• Be close by in case your child has a question, but resist the temptation to take over the homework.

• Review the homework and verify that it is finished. But don’t grade, correct or revise it. Leave that to the teacher.

• Access the academic support your child needs, whether it’s more attention from the teacher in class, a tutor or a computer program.

• Make sure your child has the necessary supplies to do the homework assignments.

• Set a clear expectation that your child complete homework assignments each night.

• Spell out clear consequences, such as no access to a cell phone or time on the computer.

• Enforce consequences.

• Praise and encourage your child when homework gets completed.

• Seek help from the teacher if your child can’t get homework completed each night, even with support.