

“DO NOT DISTURB”

The following is a suggested list of materials for children in **grades 4-8**:

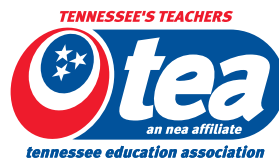
- ✓ paper, scrap and the kind used at school
- ✓ pencils
- ✓ pens
- ✓ markers
- ✓ crayons, colored pencils
- ✓ pencil sharpener
- ✓ erasers
- ✓ glue and/or paste
- ✓ tape
- ✓ hole punch, stapler
- ✓ dictionary, atlas, thesaurus, almanac
- ✓ paper clips, rubber bands
- ✓ white out
- ✓ folders, index cards
- ✓ assignment pad

Lead your child in determining suitable study times for completing homework assignments. Help your child pace himself while doing assignments. Encourage him/her not to speed through and to take time to proofread.

***Educating Our Children
Engaging Our Parents
Empowering Our Schools***



Great Public Schools for Every Child



801 Second Avenue North | Nashville, Tennessee 37201-1099
615.242.8392 | 800.342.8367 | Fax: 615.259.4581
www.teateachers.org

HOMEWORK



...WORK DONE AT HOME

**...SCHOOLWORK TO BE
DONE OUTSIDE THE
CLASSROOM**



www.teateachers.org

Why homework?

There are a number of reasons for assigning homework. Be assured that assignments are always review material, not new material.

Homework may be completion of work begun in class, reinforcement of a skill being taught/learned at school, or a means of encouraging independent or creative projects.

Take time to sit down with your children to schedule homework into their daily routines. Making time for homework should be a natural part of a child's life.

Be aware that homework does affect your child's achievement in school. The completion of homework increases your child's skills.

Research shows that students who consistently do homework perform better academically than those who do not do assignments. Students can improve academic achievement in all areas by completing assignments. The completion of assignments improves academic achievement of both low and high achievers.

Homework is a great way to teach responsibility.

For many children, homework is the first real ongoing responsibility they have had. Children must learn that it is up to them to get home with their own assignments. Each of us wants our children to grow to be motivated, successful and independent adults. Developing responsibility for materials and assignments, even as elementary-age students, will impact their life later on.

Provide a proper study area

Your child does not have to have an expensive or fancy desk in order to have a proper study area. The location of a proper study area can be anywhere in your home – the kitchen table or a small desk.

Setting up a proper study area is setting the stage for your child to experience many successful performances for years to come. It also says to your child that school and homework are a priority in your home.

Homework must be done on time. You will not want to make excuses for your child not completing his assignments on time. Encourage your child to do his very best on each assignment. Offer assistance as needed, but do not do assignments for your child. Remember that your child is the one in need of learning and mastering the skills being practiced.

“DO NOT DISTURB”

The following is a suggested list of materials for children in **grades K-3**:

- ✓ paper, scrap and the kind used at school
- ✓ pencils
- ✓ crayons
- ✓ markers
- ✓ pencil sharpener
- ✓ scissors
- ✓ erasers
- ✓ glue and/or paste
- ✓ construction paper
- ✓ dictionary appropriate for the needs of your child
- ✓ assignment pad for second and third graders

Be sure to let your child go with you to get the needed supplies for his study area. Also let your child be in on the decision concerning where his study area will be.

Make sure your child's study area is free from distractions, but close enough to you so you can be available to help.