

# 10 Ways to Help your Child do well at Eagleview Middle School



- ✓ **Share a positive attitude**
  - Encourage a love of learning in your child by talking about new things he or she will learn in middle school.
  - Discuss other exciting changes middle school will bring—such as new friends, fun activities, clubs and other extra-curricular opportunities.
  
- ✓ **Get to know the new school together**
  - Take a tour of the school before the school year begins.
  - Attend Taking Flight (registration), Back-to-School Night and Student-led Parent/Teacher Conferences.
  - If possible, have your child meet his or her teachers.
  - Address any concerns your child has, such as using a combination lock or finding classrooms.
  - Be sure to note the student handbook located in the Student Planner. Make sure you understand the school policy on all issues, including tardiness, attendance, teaming, the building's SOAR system, etc.
  
- ✓ **Teach your child to be organized/Set up a study space**
  - Show your child how to record class assignments in the Student Planner.
  - Show your child how to write down key information and use abbreviations when taking notes.
  - Explain to your child that a good way to complete a large project is to break it down into smaller steps.
  - Find a spot in your home that is quiet and free from distractions (like TV and cell phones).
  - Make sure it's well-lit.
  - Provide a comfortable chair and any needed supplies for your child.
  
- ✓ **Help your child learn good social skills**
  - Some children have a harder time than others making friends. You can help by talking about the importance of:
    - listening
    - cooperation and compromise
    - being polite
    - respecting differences
    - managing anger
    - apologizing when wrong
    - being supportive
  - Remind your child that true friendships are about mutual respect.

- ✓ **Talk about bullying**
  - Learn about the types of bullying – physical, verbal, emotional and cyber bullying (using technology to bully). Teach your child about them, too.
  - Learn how to recognize signs that your child is being bullied – or is bullying others. If you see any, talk to him/her about it. Report the bullying to the school, as needed.
  - Encourage your child to tell an adult about any bullying that he or she witnesses, too.
  
- ✓ **Talk about peer pressure**
  - Help your child with proactive ways of saying no to negative peer pressure.
  - Tell your child that peer pressure can be positive, too – such as encouraging someone to study harder for a test. Teach your child that it's OK to be different, and that real friends like you for who you are.
  
- ✓ **Encourage your child to get involved**
  - Getting involved at school can help your child feel more positive about education, make new friends and stay out of trouble.
    - Help your child find a school activity that interests him or her – such as student government, an academic club, a sports team or school band.
    - Encourage your child not to give up, and to give the activity a chance.
    - Encourage your child to try several different activities while in middle school, as his or her schedule allows.
  
- ✓ **Stay on top of your child's schoolwork**
  - Set a specific time each day for your child to do homework, study or read.
  - Review all of your child's tests, papers, projects and report cards. (Use Infinite Campus and get the IC App).
  - Ask your child about school everyday.
  - Look over your child's homework after he/she finishes it.
  
- ✓ **Be an active parent**
  - Stay in touch with your child's teachers.
  - Get involved in volunteering your help during and after school hours.
  - Consider joining Parent Partners or Accountability Committee.
  - Attend school events whenever possible.
  
- ✓ **Stay connected with your child**
  - Let your child know that he or she is loved, and can always talk to you about anything. Schedule time to spend together. Stay alert for any problems. If you notice any unusual behaviors, talk to your child about them right away.



## Student and Parent/Guardian Strategies for Homework

### *At School:*

- **Record ALL homework & tests in your Planner.** Write No Homework if there is none or already done. Get permission to use the camera on your cell phone to capture board work if time is limited.
- **Listen to instruction and Ask the teacher;** confirm your understanding, don't assume you understand the assigned work. Speak to your teacher about missing, ungraded, and make-up work before you leave class.
- **Organize your papers and supplies** as you go through the day. Take some time before or after school to get things in order before the next class.
- **Refer to locker check-list**
- Attend **SASH** after school and/or **MASH** before school on Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday to catch up on homework.

### *Leaving School:*

- **Take ALL school supplies** (books, planner, notebooks, etc) home with you to complete homework.
- **Check with a classmate/teacher before you leave** if you are not sure about homework for the evening/future.

### *At Home:*

- **Complete ALL Homework** for each subject area. Start with the subject you like the best or shortest assignment. It encourages you to make progress. Follow with the longer assignments or subjects you like least. Do Not leave these for last or you might run out of time. Do extra credit work or future work last.
- **Get Parent Signatures in Planner.**
- **Check** teacher homework assignments on the EVMS website to confirm completion of current work. Phone a friend from class as a backup if internet is down.
- **Put Finished homework in binder & place in backpack.**
- **Pack lunch or lunch money, gym clothes, all school supplies and extra curricular equipment for next day.**

### *Before Coming to School:*

- **Check that you have all you need for class & school activities.**
- **Eat a good breakfast.**
- **Leave in time for class.**