

Top Five T.I.P.S. (Time, Investment, Preparation & Study) for Getting Your Student Organized

1. Designate an area in the home for studying and doing homework. In this area include a comfortable chair, desk, pens and pencils, paper, lamp, school calendar and books.
2. Establish a regular study time each day. A study schedule helps to solidify a pattern of expectation for your child.
3. Eliminate distractions in the study area such as radio, television and music. Limit friends coming over to study to "special" days scheduled in advance.
4. Keep a notebook for upcoming assignments, exams and projects. Review it weekly with your child. Use colored tabs in the notebook to separate assignments and/or topics.
5. Prevent information overload with regular study breaks. For example: Have your child study for 15 to 25 minutes, take a five minute break, and then get back to studying.

Back to school is a hectic time for both parents and children. Being organized is key to keeping the stress level down and ensuring students get off to a good start with their study practices. My Top Five T.I.P.S. will give parents a plan of action and structure to help their child learn time management and other life skills needed to succeed in school.

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