

The Falcon Nest



CMSD Parent Newsletter

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You Really Do Make A Difference At School!

Decades of research have shown that when parents are involved in their children's education, kids are more likely to:

- Earn better grades
- Score higher on tests
- Pass their classes
- Attend school regularly
- Have better social skills
- Show improved behavior
- Be more positive in their attitude toward school
- Complete homework assignments
- Graduate and continue their education

~PTO Today

ONLINE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

These online resources provide valuable tools and information to help students succeed in the classroom and beyond.

Find books, reading information, printable activities, worksheets, and much more.

<http://www.scholastic.com/parents/>

Parent Toolkit is a one-stop resource developed with parents in mind and includes information about almost every aspect of your child's development.

www.parenttoolkit.com

US Dept. of Education provides information and resources for parents from early childhood to college.

<https://www2.ed.gov/parents>

Online educational math, reading and science games.

<https://www.education.com/games/>

IXL is an immersive K-12 learning experience that provides comprehensive, standards-aligned content for math, language arts, science, and social studies.

<https://www.ixl.com/>

Six Simple Suggestions For Help With Reading Homework.

1. Stick to a routine.

A clear routine is a great starting point for argument-free homework time. If your child always reads at 3:30, then he or she knows what to expect.

2. Fuel up to learn.

Have snacks easily accessible or ready on the table to eat after school so that homework time isn't interrupted by hungry bellies.

3. Provide new material.

If your child's reading material isn't engaging, switch it up! If the material is required, ask your child's teacher if you can try something else or trade off your child's choice one night for the required material the next.

4. Allow kids to work in new environments.

Is your child's desk the only place he can tackle reading homework? No way! Your child doesn't need to write, so ditch the desk from time to time. Try the living room, a big bed, or even outside! Switching up where your child is doing the work can make a huge difference in how enjoyable it is. You can even make a reading nook or blanket fort for your child to read in.

5. Divide and conquer.

Who said you have to do all the homework at once? Splitting it up into two or more parts can make it much more manageable for families with busy schedules and kids who have a tendency to get overwhelmed.

6. Praise...and maybe even a little reward!

Don't applaud the simple completion of homework if the amount is reasonable; however, do applaud and reward great attitudes while doing it. It doesn't have to be big, but recognizing your child's efforts in keeping a good attitude about homework will go a long way toward maintaining that attitude.



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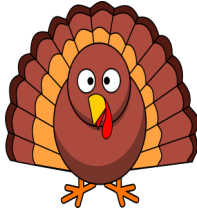

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5	6 Stokes-Beard – Class Pictures	7	8 Fairview, Franklin, & Sale Holiday Day Pictures CHS – “ACT Prep” Parent Academy	9 Progress Reports CMS - ELA, History, & Family Fitness Night Franklin, Sale, Stokes Thanksgiving Lunch	10 CMS – Science Projects Due	11 CHS GYM - Battle of the Bands 3-5 PM
12	13 CHS – Junior/Senior College Night 6PM CHS - ACT Focus Sessions CMSD Board Meeting 6PM	14 CHS - ACT Focus Sessions Franklin – 1st Grade Parent Academy Fairview – Science Night 5PM	15 CMS - Parent Academy 8AM	16 CHS - ACT Focus Sessions Sale - Parent Night Fairview – First Book Distribution	17	18 
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THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY						
26	27 CHS - ACT Focus Sessions	28 CHS -ACT Focus Sessions Stokes-Beard – 3rd Grade Parent Academy Cook –PTO Supper & Reading Night	29	30 CHS - ACT Focus Sessions Franklin – PTO Supper & Math Night		