

RHODES SCHOOL PARENT NIGHT

**Helping Your Child Get
Organized**

Presentation Outline

- Organizational tools
- Tips for organizing your child
- Helping Your Child With School
- Time management
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Parent Involvement

The more involved you are in your child's education, the more likely your child is to succeed in school.

Organizational Tools

- Routine or schedule at home
- Assignment notebook
- Binders
- Folders – color coded or labeled
- Notebooks – color coded or labeled
- Pencil case

Tips For Organizing Your Child

- Have an afternoon and evening routine – and stick to it!
- Give them responsibilities and praise them for completing them.
- Check assignment notebook, homework, & backpack EVERY night.
- Get everything ready for school (backpack, clothes, lunch, etc.) before going to bed at night and keep it in a consistent spot.

Example After School Routines

Younger Children



Put away school items



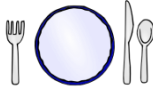
Have a snack



Do homework



Free choice/ play time



Dinner time



Chores/ clean up time



30 minutes of electronics



Prep for tomorrow – backpack packed, lunch ready, clothes picked out



Brush teeth, bath/ shower, PJs



Read & go to bed

Older Children

| TIME | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3:30-4:00 | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack | Snack |
| 4:00-5:00 | Homework | Homework | Karate | Homework | Park |
| 5:00-5:30 | Chores | Chores | Shower get ready | Chores | Park |
| 5:30-6:00 | Homework/free time | Homework/free time | Homework | Homework/free time | Chores |
| 6:00-7:00 | Family dinner time | Family dinner time | Family dinner time | Family dinner time | Family dinner time |
| 7:00-8:00 | TV/ games | TV/ games | Homework(if finished TV/ games) | TV/ games | Homework(if finished TV/ games) |
| 8:00-8:30 | Reading. | Reading. | Reading. | Reading. | TV/ games. |

Helping Your Child With School

- Talk about assignments.
 - ✓ Do they understand what to do?
 - ✓ Do they need help in understanding the assignment?
 - ✓ Do they have everything needed for assignment?
 - ✓ Does the answer make sense?
- Help with time management.
- Help them avoid cramming their work in right before bed.
- Watch for frustration.
- Give constructive criticism.
- Praise and encourage!!

Time Management

- Help your child to be ready when he or she sits down to do homework – have all books and materials in your study spot, have pencils, and create a quiet environment.
- Typically have your child do the hardest assignments first – save easiest for last.
- If your child gets sleepy or can't concentrate, have them get up and take a break – move around or get a snack.

Study Environment

- Place:
 - ✓ Choose a place where your child is able to write neatly and stay alert.
 - ✓ Have your child study in the same place every day.
- Light:
 - ✓ Use good overhead lighting that is not too dim but not so bright that your child must squint.
- Sound:
 - ✓ Find a quiet place where your child isn't interrupted by others, the TV, or other noises.
- Temperature:
 - ✓ Find a comfortable spot where your child is not too hot or too cold.

Building Up Confidence

- Find reasons to praise your child every day.
 - ✓ Help your child focus on his or her strengths.
 - ✓ Let your child know that he or she is a valuable, capable person and that you know he or she can succeed.
- Have high expectations for learning and behavior, at home and at school.
 - ✓ When you expect the best, your child will rise to those expectations.
 - ✓ Be a good role model for getting work done before play.
- Offer constructive hobbies for your child.

Summary

- If school is important to you, it will be important to your child.
- Set high expectations for your child and support your child in meeting those expectations.
- Stay aware of your child's social life, activities, and schoolwork.
- You, your child, and the school will benefit from your continued support.



QUESTIONS?