

Report Card

To the Parents and Community of the Cherry Creek Schools

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How To Help Your Child Learn Study Skills

School's back in session and that means the return of the "Study Skills Blues." Listed below are some **time- tested tips** on how to provide your child with skills that will not only help battle the "study skill blues", but will save your sanity at the same time.

Help with a study schedule – The time arranged for study should occur at the same time every day. Work with your child to set aside time for study when he or she is most alert.

Help with study goals – Develop goals based on homework assignments. Promote studying for understanding. Think about what is being studied and figure out a "point of view." Formulate questions.

Summarize. Use note taking as a way to foster understanding and remembering. Underline or highlight key ideas. Take a few minutes at regular intervals to reflect on what was just learned.

Recognize achievements – Focus on what your child does right. If you expect and recognize success, you will get more of it.

Two final tips – Consider the time you have to help, and pick those techniques you have the time and energy to supervise. Always save time to look at what has been accomplished and take pride in those accomplishments.
from NEA Online

A Message from CCEA President Sheryl Cunningham

Welcome back to another year of school. I sincerely hope that summer was both restful and educational for you and your children. At this point all of our schools are back in session and students and teachers are hard at work with academics.

This Fall is an important time of year for all of us. From district initiatives in the form of 3A and 3B, to local, state, and national elections that could have a major impact on our lives, it will be important to stay informed on the important issues, especially those concerning public education. Participatory citizenship is more important now than ever in light of these challenging times. Be sure to exercise your voice...VOTE in November!

Should 3A and 3B pass, the monies raised will stay in the Cherry Creek district and will serve to offset any continued reductions in state funding. And the district will be able to continue the tradition of offering high quality programs and learning opportunities for our students.

This is could definitely be another year of change, and with change comes challenge. We will all need to work together as partners to navigate any changes. And of course, at the heart of all this work, is our students. We must work to make sure that any changes have the result of making the learning experience of all of our students the very best it can be.

ATTEND!

CHERRY CREEK SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY, October 10, 2016

HORIZON MIDDLE SCHOOL

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

"Let your school board members know what you think about the issues facing your children today."

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IMPROVES STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school – and the schools they go to are better. Parents want and need information about what's happening in their child's class and how they can help. Some parents and families are able to be involved in many ways. Others may only have time for one or two activities. Whatever your level of involvement, do it consistently because you will make an important difference in your child's life. Involvement can mean:

⇒ Reading to your child

- ⇒ Checking homework every night
- ⇒ Discussing your child's progress with teachers
- ⇒ Voting in school board, bond and budget elections
- ⇒ Helping your school set challenging academic standards
- ⇒ Limiting TV viewing on school nights
- ⇒ Becoming an advocate for better education in your community and state

Whatever it is, it will send the message to your children that school is important and you expect them to learn.

Homework Hints

- Assume that your children will have studying to do every night.
- Ask your children if they understand their homework. If they do not, work a few examples together.
- Ask your children to show you their homework after the teacher returns it, to learn where they're having trouble and where they're doing well. See if your children did the work correctly.
- Stay in touch with your children's teachers. Ask about their classes and what they are studying. Ask their teachers how you can support what they are studying (flash cards, spelling, etc.).
- Remember, you and their teachers want the same thing — to help your children learn.
- Don't be afraid to get in touch with the teacher if you and your child don't understand an assignment or if your child is having a great deal of trouble. Almost all parents run into these problems, and teachers are glad to help.
- Don't do your children's work for them. Help them learn how to do it themselves.
- Show your children that you think homework is important. If you are at work during homework time, ask to see their work when you get home.
- Praise your children for doing well. Make praise a habit.
- Maintain a portfolio of "best pieces."
- Ask your school about tips or guides for helping your children develop good study habits.
- Help older students organize their assignments by recording them on calendars or planners, along with due dates, dates turned in, etc.

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