



The guides must be:

- **Attractive.** Do not create text-heavy, boring, or hard to read guides.
- **Accurate & Complete.** You must include all required information and the information must be accurate.
- **Ready to Use.** These guides should be ready to distribute to parents NOW.
- **Grammatically correct.** What would parents think if you sent home materials with typos or poor grammar? Not good & not acceptable.

A Parent's Guide to Homework

In addition to the requirements above, this guide must answer all of the following questions (you may answer multiple questions in one section of your guide – just ensure that all questions are answered).

- What does research say?
- What are the benefits for students?
- What are the general time guidelines for different grade levels?
- When is homework most effective?
- What are characteristics of good homework assignments?
- What should the purpose of homework be?
- What are some instructional considerations when assigning homework?
- What are some homework dos and don'ts? (at least three of each)
- What kind of feedback is appropriate?
- Which practices help to increase the benefits of homework while minimizing the potential problems?
- Are there content specific considerations?
- What level of parental involvement should be expected?
- What are some strategies for parents?
- **Give credit to authors or organizations somewhere in your document**

You must use the three resources included in this folder as a minimum.

