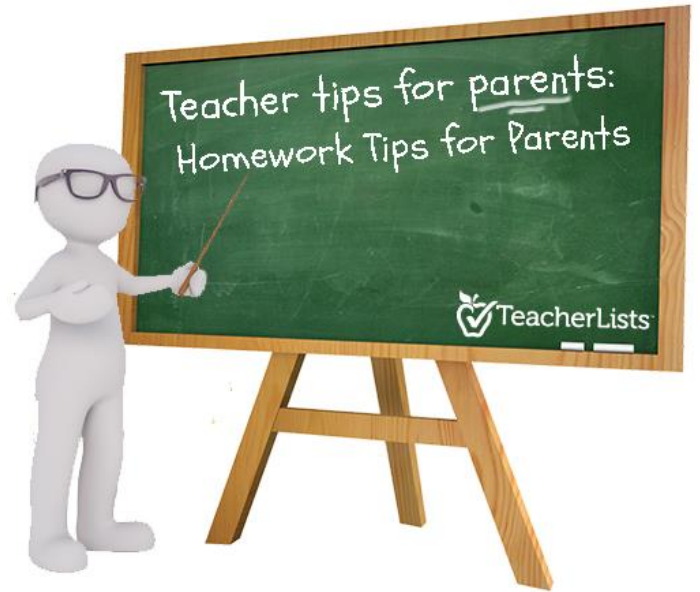




### Harris Cooper's Homework Tips for Parents

- **Be a stage manager.** Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework. Make sure necessary materials (paper, pencils, dictionary) are available. (Check out the list below of school supplies that are helpful to have on hand each night for homework)
- **Be a motivator.** Homework provides a great opportunity for you to tell your child how important school is. Be positive about homework. The attitude you express will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **Be a role model.** When your child does homework, don't sit and watch TV. If your child is reading, you read, too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook. Help your child see that the skills he is practicing are related to things you do as an adult.
- **Be a monitor.** Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration. If your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers. If frustration sets in, suggest a short break.



**Be a mentor.** When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it. If homework is meant to be done alone, stay away. Homework is a great way for kids to develop lifelong learning skills. Over involvement can be a bad thing.