

**Is There Such a Thing as Too
Much Help?**

YES!!!!



Are you helping accomplish the goal?

Goal of Homework

- Review and Practice
- Get ready for the next day
- Learn to use resources
- Explore a subject more than time permits in class

Dangers

- Teacher will not see if your child understands the material
- Child feels unprepared
- Uncomfortable doing independently
- May turn into your project not theirs

What is the appropriate amount of help at this age?

- Check that your child understands the directions (have them circle verbs and number steps)
- Answer any questions that arise
- Look over the completed assignment but do not feel the need to correct every mistake

What should you do if your child is not understanding any of the HW?

- Acknowledge that they are not understanding... do NOT do it for them!
- Let the teacher know that the child is struggling
- Find someone to help. If you are not the best person to help, there are other alternatives
 - HW club here at CCES
 - HS students in the community

Acknowledge Your Child's Feelings

- Listen to what they are saying about school and how they feel... validate those feelings
- Talk about strengths and weaknesses
- Recognize your child's learning styles and attempt to present the information from that perspective

Learning Styles

- Auditory—listening
- Visual—seeing, reading and visualizing
- Kinesthetic—moving, touching, writing and doing

Fostering Accountability

- Have your child assess their work by reviewing returned papers. Together note their progress, improvements, areas of need, and jointly plan how to solve any problems. Do not wait until the end of the quarter to do this.
- Emphasize the importance of trying your best instead of “the grade”.
- With their help, graph your child’s grades. Their grade at the end of the quarter should not be a shock.
- Set manageable goals/targets as well as reasonable rewards for achieving goals.

Finding the right balance can...

- Teach children to work independently
- Encourage self-discipline and responsibility
- Foster a love of learning