

## **PREPARE YOUR CHILD FOR DEMANDS OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDYING NOW**

Long before your child enters middle school, her teachers will start preparing her for its challenges. You can help at home by encouraging your child to:

- \* **Manage time.** In addition to having a regular homework time, your child might find short periods when she can be productive. While waiting in line, for example, she might study flash cards.

- \* **Get organized.** Different systems work for different kids. One common method is to use a folder for “finished work.” Include whatever the teacher needs to see the next day. Also use an assignment notebook for planning new tasks.

- \* **Take notes.** Your child may not practice this skill at school, but she can try it at home while reading. Help her write down key words and information. Then have her highlight essential points in her notes.

- \* **Plan ahead.** Don’t wait until the last minute to study. Have her divide studying into smaller tasks—take notes, review and then do practice problems. Help her make a study schedule and stick to it.

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