

# V. Miller's March class connection



## Is homework sometimes a challenge in your home?

Here are two complaints you may hear, along with solutions to consider:

- "I don't want to do homework." Make homework time more pleasant by helping your youngster find a quiet, well-lit place to work. You can also encourage him to reward himself for working hard. For example, he might decide to take a break to play after he works for 30 minutes. Tip: If you find he rushes through homework to watch TV or play video games, consider limiting electronics on school nights.
- "This is too hard." Ask your child to read the directions aloud and tell you what he's finding hard. Then, suggest that he look through his textbook for a similar problem or call a friend who might be able to help. Note: If your youngster frequently struggles with assignments, talk to his teacher.♥

## Testing 1-2-3

There's more to preparing for a test than just studying. Whether your child is taking a classroom test or a standardized exam, you can help him become a better test-taker with these three tips.

1. Learn the lingo. Test questions are easier to read if your child is familiar with the words used. Examples: describe, characterize, summarize. Together, look over old tests, or find sample tests online. Let him circle words that appear frequently. Can he explain what they mean? Have him look up the ones he's not sure about.
2. Use strategies. Suggest that your child avoid spending too much time on any particular item. If he can't answer a question, he can mark it, skip it, and come back to it at the end. It's also a good idea to cross out unreasonable answers on multiple-choice tests so he has fewer options to consider. If more than one answer seems possible, he should look closely at those that include "never" or "always." Those words are often clues to a wrong answer.
3. Stay relaxed. Feeling good and having a positive attitude can help your child do their best. The night before a quiz or test, mention it, but don't put pressure on them. Make sure they get a good night sleep and in the morning, create a calm, pleasant atmosphere, and make sure he eats a balanced breakfast.



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