

# Tools for the Journey

## 10 Tips for Creating a Study Friendly Home



National Center  
for Fathering

*Engaging fathers. Enriching lives.™*

### Turn off the TV!

Make a house rule that study time is "no TV" time.

### Designate a workspace.

Create a designated work space in a productive environment for study time.

### Regularity is important!

Pick a time that will work just about every night for study time. Set this time aside for your kids AND yourself so you are ready and available to help!

### Be prepared.

Know what your child is studying by initiating conversation on the drive home from school or by going through his/her backpack together each afternoon.

### Encourage good study habits.

Give recognition where recognition is deserved! If your child is doing great in school, reward them! If they study without being asked, affirm them!

### Communicate with your child's teacher.

Introduce yourself to your child's teacher at the beginning of the school year. Let them know that you want to do your best to support your child's education and stay in touch with them throughout the year.

### Know your strengths.

Don't pretend to be good at math if it isn't your best subject. Help out where you can, but know where you may need to call in reinforcements.

### Find educational games!

Encourage a love of learning through educational computer/video/board games. Homework won't feel so much like a chore if they look forward to it.

### Read together.

Just like the educational games, reading together can create a love of learning while spending quality time together.

### Talk about school.

Ask your child what they have going on at school each morning and what they learned about each evening.