

Dear Linwood Families,

I am sending each of you a copy of our National Education Goals established in 1994 under the Clinton Administration. I hope you will take the time to review these goals along with the “Checklist for Helping Your Child With Homework”.

Please feel free to view the entire packet of information at:
<http://www.kidsource.com/kidsource/content/homework.html>

We appreciate your assistance in meeting our educational goals.

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The National Education Goals

The GOALS 2000: Educate America Act, signed by President Clinton on March 31, 1994, sets into law eight National Education Goals for the year 2000.

- All Children in America will start school ready to learn.
- The high school graduation rate will increase to at least 90 percent.
- All students will leave grades 4, 8, and 12 having demonstrated competency over challenging subject matter including English, mathematics, science, foreign languages, civics and government, economics, arts, history, and geography, and every school in America will ensure that all students learn to use their minds well, so they may be prepared for responsible citizenship, further learning, and productive employment in our Nation’s modern economy.
- The Nation’s teaching force will have access to programs for the continued improvement of their professional skills and the opportunity to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to instruct and prepare all American students for the next century.
- U.S. students will be first in the world in mathematics and science achievement.
- Every adult American will be literate and will possess the knowledge and skills necessary to compete in a global economy and exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- Every school in the United States will be free of drugs, violence, and the unauthorized presence of firearms and alcohol and will offer a disciplined environment conducive to learning.
- Every school will promote partnerships that will increase parental involvement and participation in promoting the social, emotional, and academic growth of children.

Checklist for Helping Your Child With Homework

Show You Think Education and Homework Are Important.

- Do you set a regular time every day for homework?
- Does your child have the papers, books, pencils, and other things needed to do assignments?
- Does your child have a fairly quiet place to study with lots of light?
- Do you set a good example by reading and writing yourself?
- Do you stay in touch with your child's teachers?

Monitor Assignments.

- Do you know what your child's homework assignments are? How long they should take? How the teacher wants you to be involved?
- Do you see that assignments are started and completed?
- Do you read the teacher's comments on assignments that are returned? Is TV viewing cutting into your child's homework time?

Provide Guidance.

- Do you understand and respect your child's style of learning? Does he/she work better alone or with someone else? Does he/she learn best when they can see things, hear them, or handle them?
- Do you help your child to get organized? Does your child need a calendar or assignment book? A bag for books and a folder for papers?
- Do you encourage your child to develop good study habits (e.g., scheduling enough time for big assignments; making up practice tests)?
- Do you talk with your child about homework assignments? Does he/she understand them?

Talk With Someone at School When Problems Come Up.

- Do you meet the teacher early in the year before any problems arise?
- If a problem comes up, do you meet with the teacher?
- Do you cooperate with the teacher and your child to work out a plan and a schedule to fix homework problems?
- Do you follow up with the teacher and with your child to make sure the plan is working?

In addition to *Helping Your Child With Homework*, the U.S. Department of Education publishes a number of books on related subjects. To find out what's available and how to order, request the Consumer Information Catalog listing nearly 200 useful federal publications. The Catalog is free from the Consumer Information Center, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.