**Get Back into the Swing of Things!**

**Step 1 – Schedule Daily Homework Time after School**

* Make homework a priority.
* Homework time should be mandatory. If your child does not have homework, use this time for quiet reading or studying for upcoming tests.
* During daily homework time, all other activities should stop so that your child can work.
* Let your child help you decide the amount of time needed and when that time will be.

**Step 2 – Set Up a Study Area**

* Your child’s study area should be well-lit and should NOT include radio or TV.
* Keep the study area off-limits to brothers and sisters (who are not old enough to attend school) during mandatory study time.
* Allow your child to personalize a “DO NOT DISTURB” sign for their study area.

**Step 3 – Create a Homework Survival Kit**

* This kit should hold all of your child’s necessary homework materials, paper, pencils, glue, scissors, crayons, etc.
* Keep the kit in the study area.
* Check periodically to make sure your child has enough supplies.

**Step 4 – Talk to Your Child about the Importance of Homework**

* Display a positive attitude about your child’s homework.
* Ask your child to let you see their homework each evening.
* Respect your child’s study time, area, and supplies.
* Check your child’s homework notebook each night.
* Ask your child about long-range plans, i.e. book reports, tests, projects, etc.

**Step 5 – Praise Your Child**

* Find ways to praise your child’s daily efforts.
* Use “Super-Praise” – praise your child about a specific event or accomplishment, then praise them in front of the other parent, then the other parent reinforces that praise. ☺