



Question:

How can I ensure that all of my students get their homework assignments?

Andie's Answer:

I learned this trick from my mentor during my first year of teaching. I provide a homework page at the beginning of the week for each of my students. This page provides all homework assignments for the unit I am teaching so if a child is absent, they have the homework assignment. I also post homework as part of the class agenda that I list on the board each week. I have discovered that the more my students are reminded of homework, the more likely they are to remember to do their homework.

I call all parents before the first day of school. During this conversation, I tell parents about the homework page. I suggest that parents ask their child for the homework page and put it on the refrigerator. Everyone in the home then sees the homework assignments for the week. I get lots of help monitoring homework from the families of my students. In this way, parents can really become partners in the education of their child.

This homework page is also a way for me to model my organizational skills for my students.