



Des Moines Elementary Counseling Program

5th Grade Expectations for Study Skills



What you can do to help your child at home

Focus areas	Activities
Using Text Features (titles, headings, graphs, charts, bold faced words, italics, photos, captions, keys, legends, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Invite your child to share information about text features found in one of his/her text books◆ Talk about text features you use in your work◆ Identify text features present in items such as food labels, maps, an instruction manual or other items found around the home. What did the author/creator of these items do to help you as the reader?
Homework tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ Set up a quiet place, away from distractions, for homework◆ Agree on time for homework each day◆ Have materials available (paper, pencils, etc.)◆ Talk about different ways to study for a test

Contact your elementary counselor for more ideas.