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# Interactive Homework

Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork

## TIPS Activities for the Elementary Grades

Over 300 prototype TIPS activities

- **LITERACY**  
Grades K-3
- **MATH**  
Grades K-5
- **SCIENCE**  
Grade 3 (Samples)

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## Overview

Researchers worked with teachers to design, implement, and test the process called *Teachers Involve Parents in Schoolwork (TIPS)*.

TIPS activities require students to talk with someone at home about something interesting that they are learning in class. TIPS solves some important problems with homework:

- TIPS helps all parents become involved, not just the few who are comfortable with school subjects.
- TIPS activities include a section for students and parents to discuss how a school skill is used in the real world.
- TIPS includes a section for home-to-school communications for parents' comments or questions.

Studies show that, overwhelmingly, parents recognize and appreciate teachers' efforts to keep them informed and involved. There are positive results for student learning, homework completion, and attitudes about homework.

### TIPS Resources

- Over 300 prototype TIPS activities are on the CD for the elementary grades in early literacy (grades K-3), math (grades K-5) and science (grade 3).
- Manuals for teachers in the elementary and middle grades.
- CD with over 350 TIPS activities for the middle grades in math, science, and language arts.

See more information and an order form at [www.partnershipschools.org](http://www.partnershipschools.org) in the TIPS section.

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## TIPS MATH

### Grade 4

M4-1	Change Words to Numbers
M4-2	Identify Place Value
M4-3	Compare Numbers Using $<$ , $>$ , or $=$
M4-4	Round to the Nearest Ten
M4-5	Round to the Nearest Hundred
M4-6	Round to the Nearest Thousand
M4-7	Add 4 Digits with Regrouping
M4-8	Subtract 4 Digits with Regrouping
M4-9	Multiply by 10, 100, 1000
M4-10	Multiply by 1 Digit with Regrouping
M4-11	Multiply by Tens, Hundreds, or Thousands
M4-12	Multiply by 2 Digits with Regrouping
M4-13	Divide 2 Digits by 1 Digit
M4-14	Divide 2 Digits by 1 Digit with a Remainder
M4-15	Divide 2 Digits by Multiples of Ten
M4-16	Add Fractions with Like Denominators
M4-17	Subtract Fractions with Like Denominators
M4-18	Change Improper Fractions to Mixed Numbers
M4-19	Change Mixed Numbers to Fractions
M4-20	Equal Fractions
M4-21	Add Unlike Fractions
M4-22	Subtract Unlike Fractions
M4-23	Compare Fractions Using $>$ , $<$ , or $=$
M4-24	Place Value
M4-25	Congruent Figures
M4-26	Lines, Line Segments, and Rays
M4-27	Intersecting, Parallel, and Perpendicular Lines
M4-28	Identify Angles
M4-29	Hundred Millions
M4-30	Find the Perimeter of a Polygon
M4-31	Word Problems - Addition or Subtraction?
M4-32	Word Problems - Multiplication

### Grade 5

M5-1	Add up to 4 Digits
M5-2	Add up to 4 Digits with Regrouping
M5-3	Addition Word Problems
M5-4	Subtract up to 4 Digits
M5-5	Subtract up to 4 Digits with Regrouping
M5-6	Subtraction Word Problems
M5-7	Addition and Subtraction Word Problems
M5-8	Multiplication Patterns
M5-9	Multiply up to 3 Digits by 1 Digit
M5-10	Short Form Multiplication
M5-11	More Short Form Multiplication
M5-12	Multiplication Word Problems
M5-13	Multiply up to 3 Digits by 2 Digits
M5-14	Divide Tens and Ones
M5-15	Division Word Problems
M5-16	Estimate Tens in the Quotient
M5-17	Division with Remainders
M5-18	Solve and Check Division Problems
M5-19	Divide Thousands, Hundreds, Tens, and Ones
M5-20	Use Division to Find the Fractional Part of a Set
M5-21	Add Like Fractions
M5-22	Subtract Like Fractions
M5-23	Add and Subtract Mixed Numerals
M5-24	Write Fractions in Lowest Terms
M5-25	Write Equivalent Fractions
M5-26	Compare Unlike Fractions
M5-27	Identify and Name Points, Lines, Line Segments, and Rays
M5-28	Acute, Right, and Obtuse Angles
M5-29	Read and Write Numerals to
M5-30	Roman Numerals

**TIPS MATH****Grade 2**

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| M2-1 Counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s   | M3-5 Addition – Regrouping Tens to Hundreds                  |
| M2-2 Write Ones, Tens, and Hundreds  | M3-6 Addition – Regrouping Ones to Tens and Tens to Hundreds |
| M2-3 How Many Tens, Ones, and Hundreds?  | M3-7 Make Money  |
| M2-4 Identify Equal Parts  | M3-8 Subtraction – Regrouping Tens for Ones                  |
| M2-5 Match $\frac{1}{2}$ , $\frac{1}{3}$ , $\frac{1}{4}$ , and $\frac{1}{5}$ to Shaded Regions | M3-9 Subtraction – Regrouping Hundreds for Tens              |
| M2-6 Match Fractions to Shaded Parts   | M3-10 Subtraction – Regrouping Thousands for Hundreds        |
| M2-7 Add 2-Digit Numbers without Regrouping  | M3-11 Add and Subtract (to 99)                               |
| M2-8 Addition Word Problems through 100  | M3-12 Short Word Problems with 3-Digit Numbers               |
| M2-9 Subtract 2-Digit Numbers without Regrouping   | M3-13 Subtraction – One Step Word Problems                   |
| M2-10 Subtraction Word Problems through 100  | M3-14 Word Problems – Add or Subtract with Regrouping        |
| M2-11 Subtract 3-Digit Numbers   | M3-15 Word Problems – More Addition or Subtraction           |
| M2-12 Addition with Regrouping   | M3-16 Addition and Subtraction – Two Step Word Problems      |
| M2-13 More Addition with Regrouping  | M3-17 Inequalities   |
| M2-14 Subtraction with Regrouping  | M3-18 Inequalities – Addition and Subtraction                |
| M2-15 More Subtraction with Regrouping   | M3-19 Round to the Nearest 10                                |
| M2-16 Create Addition Word Problems to 100   | M3-20 Round to the Nearest 100                               |
| M2-17 Addition and Multiplication Are Related!   | M3-21 Round to the Nearest 10's and 100's                    |
| M2-18 Multiplication Word Problems   | M3-22 Metric Measurement                                     |
| M2-19 Divide Sets Equally  | M3-23 Multiply by 1-Digit Numbers                            |
| M2-20 Multiplication and Division are Related!   | M3-24 Multiply Numbers to 9                                  |
| M2-21 Use a Graph  | M3-25 Find the Missing Factor                                |
| M2-22 Count Money  | M3-26 Divide without Remainders                              |
| M2-23 Add and Subtract Money   | M3-27 More Division with Remainders                          |
| M2-24 Use =, <, and >  | M3-28 Word Problems Involving Time                           |
| M2-25 Number Order   | M3-29 Fractional Parts                                       |
| M2-26 Tell Time to the Nearest 15 Minutes  | M3-30 Words and Fractions                                    |
| M2-27 Tell Time to the Nearest 5 Minutes   | M3-31 Compare Fractions                                      |
| M2-28 Time Word Problems   | M3-32 Order Fractions  |
| M2-29 Metric Measurement (Centimeters)   | M3-33 Bar Graphs   |
|  | M3-34 Interpret Line Graphs                                  |
|  | M3-35 Tally Charts   |
|  | M3-36 Parallel and Perpendicular Lines                       |
|  | M3-37 Sides and Angles                                       |
|  | M3-38 Diameter and Radius of a Circle                        |

**Grade 3**

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| M3-1 Write 3-Digit Numbers              | M3-39 Find the Perimeter of Shapes                              |
| M3-2 Numbers in Expanded Forms          | M3-40 Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction, and Division Facts |
| M3-3 Add Three Numbers                  |   |
| M3-4 Addition – Regrouping Ones to Tens |   |

**TIPS LITERACY****Grade K**

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| K #1 My Tool Box – Picture Clues                           | K #2 I Am in Kindergarten! – Communication                      |
| K #3 My Community – Drawing & Labeling                     | K #4 Oh, the Places We Can Go! – Writing a List                 |
| K #5 Rules Rule – Retelling & Communication                | K #6 This Is What Happened – Informational Text & Comprehension |
| K #7 Fall Fun! – Information Text & Comprehension          | K #8 My Favorite Holiday – Environmental Words                  |
| K #9 Letter Game – Beginning Sounds & Letter Sounds        | K #10 First, Second, Third – Draw In Sequence                   |
| K #11 Go Fish – Letter Recognition                         | K #12 Put the Alphabet in Order – Alphabetical Order            |
| K #13 What's Cooking? – "How To" Writing                   | K #14 Get Moving! – Conversation                                |
| K #15 We Love Rhyme Time – Rhyming Words                   | K #16 All in the Word Family – Decoding Words in Print          |
| K #17 Brrr...Baby It's Cold Outside – Descriptive Sentence | K #18 The Mouse and the Clock – Literary Text & Comprehension   |
| K #19 Feelings – Communication & Nonverbal Skills          | K #20 Beginning and End – Decode Grade Level Text               |
| K #21 In My World – Decoding Environmental Print           | K #22 Do You Want It or Need It? – Persuasive Writing           |
| K #23 Pack the Bags! – Communication                       | K #24 All About Me – Autobiography                              |

**Grade 1**

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| 1 #1 Words and Pictures Go Together – Comprehension-Words & Pictures |
| 1 #2 Word Groups – Develop Vocabulary                                |
| 1 #3 Can You Hear Me? – Identifying Phonemes                         |
| 1 #4 Sound It Out – Identifying Sounds in Spoken Words               |
| 1 #5 Good Partners – Conversations                                   |
| 1 #6 What a Character! – Character Traits                            |
| 1 #7 Express Yourself – Reading Fluency                              |
| 1 #8 What's Your Story? – Using Pictures To Tell About Story Events  |
| 1 #9 Ship Shape Sounds – "sh" Diagram                                |
| 1 #10 Put an End to It – Inflectional Endings                        |
| 1 #11 Silent "e" Follows a Rule – Silent E                           |
| 1 #12 Compound Words – Compound Words                                |
| 1 #13 Words Have Families – Word Families                            |
| 1 #14 What's the Big Idea? – Main Idea                               |
| 1 #15 1,2,3 – Beginning, Middle & End/Sequencing                     |
| 1 #16 Put It All Together – Use A Bubble Map – Organizing Ideas      |
| 1 #17 Start and Finish – Sentence Conventions                        |
| 1 #18 Upper Case Letters – Capitalization                            |
| 1 #19 Picture My Story – Text Features                               |
| 1 #20 Getting to Know You – Asking Questions                         |
| 1 #21 How To Do It – Tell "How To"                                   |
| 1 #22 Make a Word Picture – Adjectives                               |



**TIPS LITERACY****Grade 2**

- 2 #1 What Did You Say? – Different Styles Of Communication 3 #8 Total Recall – Point Of View  
2 #2 What's Happening? – Making Inferences 3 #9 Contrasting Characters – Compare & Contrast Characters  
2 #3 How Does This Sound? – Vowel Sounds & Syllables 3 #10 Using Antonyms and Synonyms – Antonyms & Synonyms  
2 #4 What is YOUR Point of View? – Different Perspectives 3 #11 Mystery Postcard – Drawing Conclusions  
2 #5 Superhero or Good Idea? – Communication Skills 3 #12 What Happens Next? – Sequence  
2 #6 Picture This – Importance Of Illustrations 3 #13 What Do You Recommend? – Supporting An Opinion  
2 #7 HELP! – Character Traits 3 #14 New Words from Old – Prefixes  
2 #8 Sum It Up in a Caption – Text Features - Captions 3 #15 It All Adds Up – Summary Plan  
2 #9 Helping Hands – Sentence Structure 3 #16 Speak a Summary – Summarizing a Story  
2 #10 Family Traditions – Writing about a Family Tradition 3 #17 Spooky Adjectives – Adjectives  
3 #18 Now Featuring... – Text Features  
3 #19 Tell Me How to Do That – "How To" Writing  
3 #20 What's the Big Idea – Main Ideas  
3 #21 Come On, Comma! – Punctuation
- 2 #11 Family Traditions – Reading Fluency
- 2 #12 Zoo Mix-Up – Syllables
- 2 #13 Guess the Invention – Context Clues
- 2 #14 Tricky Words – Irregular Sight Words
- 2 #15 Step by Step – Sequencing
- 2 #16 Use the Clues – Picture Clues
- 2 #17 Listen for Clues – Active Listening
- 2 #18 A Frog's Life Cycle – Sequential Order
- 2 #19 The Prefix Builder –Prefixes
- 2 #20 I'm in Hot Water! – Figurative Language
- 2 #21 A Pair of Pears – Homonyms

**Grade 3**

- 3 #1 In My Own Words – Paraphrasing
- 3 #2 Follow the Leader – Interact with Others
- 3 #3 Poems Rhyme or Not – Comparing Poems on the Same Topic
- 3 #4 Why Do You Want THAT? – Persuasive Writing
- 3 #5 Guess What? – Using Descriptive Words
- 3 #6 What Caused That? – Cause & Effect
- 3 #7 It Was a Good Day – Beginning, Middle & End

**TIPS SCIENCE****Grade 3**

- S3-1 Living and Non-Living Things
- S3-2 The Importance of Animals
- S3-3 Animal Habitats
- S3-4 The Importance of Plants
- S3-5 Plant Growth – Let's Grow Together
- S3-6 Three Forms of Matter
- S3-7 Physical Changes –Solid-Liquid-Gas
- S3-8 Rocks and Their Properties
- S3-9 Weather Patterns

**TIPS MATH****Kindergarten**

- MK- 1 Small
- MK- 2 Large
- MK- 3 Big & Little
- MK- 4 Long & Short
- MK- 5 Same & Not the Same
- MK- 6 Same & Different
- MK- 7 Different & Same
- MK- 8 Add to a Set
- MK- 9 Holds More
- MK- 10 Holds Less
- MK- 11 Match Shapes
- MK- 12 Circles
- MK- 13 Rectangles
- MK- 14 Triangles
- MK- 15 Squares
- MK- 16 More
- MK- 17 Less
- MK- 18 Same As
- MK- 19 As Many As
- MK- 20 Not Equal
- MK- 21 Equal
- MK- 22 Before
- MK- 23 In Front Of
- MK- 24 On
- MK- 25 The Number Zero
- MK- 26 The Number One
- MK- 27 The Number Two
- MK- 28 The Number Three
- MK- 29 The Number Four
- MK- 30 The Number Five
- MK- 31 The Number Six
- MK- 32 The Number Seven
- MK- 33 The Number Eight
- MK- 34 The Number Nine
- MK- 35 The Number Ten
- MK- 36 Empty Set
- MK- 37 One
- MK- 38 Two
- MK- 39 Three
- MK- 40 Four
- MK- 41 Five
- MK- 42 Six
- MK- 43 Seven
- MK- 44 Eight
- MK- 45 Nine

- MK- 46 Ten
- MK- 47 What Comes Next?
- MK- 48 Find a Pattern – 3 Shapes
- MK- 49 Create a Pattern – 4 Shapes

**Grade 1**

- M1-01 Find One (1)
- M1-02 Find Two (2)
- M1-03 Find Three (3)
- M1-04 Find Four (4)
- M1-05 Find Five (5)
- M1-06 Find Six (6)
- M1-07 Find Seven (7)
- M1-08 Find Eight (8)
- M1-09 Find Nine (9)
- M1-10 Find Ten (10)
- M1-11 Matching the Numeral to a Number
- M1-12 Find the Missing Number
- M1-13 Count from 1 to 100
- M1-14 Read & Write Numbers
- M1-15 First, Second, Third
- M1-16 Adding Pictures
- M1-17 Subtracting Pictures
- M1-18 Add & Subtract
- M1-19 More Than
- M1-20 Less Than
- M1-21 Math Pictures
- M1-22 Check Addition with Subtraction
- M1-23 Graphs
- M1-24 10s and 1s
- M1-25 How Many Tens and Ones?
- M1-26 Add 2 Digit Numbers
- M1-27 Subtract 2 Digit Numbers
- M1-28 Count by Fives and Tens
- M1-29 Telling Time
- M1-30 Quarters, Dimes, Nickles, & Pennies
- M1-31 Add up to 18
- M1-32 Subtract up to 18
- M1-33 Add and Subtract Some More
- M1-34 Measure This
- M1-35 Circles, Squares, Triangles, & Rectangles
- M1-36 Fractions
- M1-37 Solve a Problem