

Study Center for Your Child May Help His Homework Go Smoothly

Your child's reading, writing and arithmetic may go more smoothly if he has a definite place to do his homework. A study center may meet his demands.

Regardless of where the study center will be located, in the child's room or in another part of the house, there are certain desirable features that should be included.

For example, a suitable desk or table should be the hub of a study unit, Mrs. Edith McGlamery, extension housing and house furnishings specialist, North Carolina State University, points out. Among the things you'll want to look for when selecting a desk are: a comfortable height, sufficient knee room, and a writing surface that will allow your child to spread out his books and

supplies.

If possible the desk should have a light colored, non-glare top. Mrs. McGlamery points out that a dark surface steals light and a glossy desk top produces a glare. However a dark or glossy top may be covered with a blotter of any light color, she notes.

Another must in a study center is a desk chair that is the correct height for good posture. It should be comfortable for your child when he sits with his spine against the back and his feet flat on the floor. His

eyes should be 14 inches above the working area.

Storage space is needed for books and supplies. Bricks and boards may be arranged to make an attractive and useful bookcase. Metal stripping may be used on the wall to form adjustable bookshelves which can be raised or lowered to fit books or ornaments of any size.

In addition, produce adequate lighting. Good lighting serves your child's eyes by providing enough light without glare so he can see clearly and quickly. It distributes the light evenly to prevent bright spots and deep shadows and gives some general lighting in the room to eliminate extreme contrasts. Also, it places the light correctly so no shadows will fall on the work your child is doing.

The finishing touch for a study unit will be the accessories that can give it warmth and personality. Among these items are a bulletin board, book ends, a wastebasket, files and bulletin boxes. Most these items will

be useful as well as decorative, Mrs. McGlamery notes.

In sorrow he learned this truth, one may return to the place of his birth, he cannot go back to his youth.--John Burroughs.

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