

Homework

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in a bedroom, with the door closed, is the solution in some families.

PARENTS SHOULD take a positive attitude toward homework. If you have criticisms of the kind or amount of homework your child is being assigned, take up your complaints with his teacher, principal, or guidance counselor. Do not complain to your child.

Your spoken disapproval will lower his confidence in his teachers and weaken his desire to work seriously on his home assignments.

PARENTS SHOULD help very little with the actual work for the following reasons: if you help your child solve arithmetic problems, you may only confuse him, since you may be using different methods of approach than those employed by his teacher; parents are so emotionally involved in their child's success or failure that they frequently make him nervous or tense when they try to help; when you do the lion's share of your child's homework assignment, the teacher is evaluating your work, not his, and has difficulty deter-

mining his strengths and weaknesses. You will also make your child dependent on you, rather than making him more mature and responsible. Don't forget, you won't be with him when he takes his exams.

PARENTS CAN help with assignments in the following ways: You can help your child select topics for themes, find books and magazine articles for research, underline the best possible learning facilities. Michigan's legislature chooses to do otherwise. For the past two or three years our institutions have been granted austere budgets.

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Budget

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indeed in the world. It has been called "for meet-'s" responsibilities. "With men orbiting around Earth and a society becoming more and more complex, our schools have an ever greater responsibility. In order to meet the problems of our society and make the most of it and each person in it, we should have the best possible learning facilities."

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"A vast majority of the employees of this system are not classified Civil Service Commission employees.

"THE COMMISSION ordered a three per cent pay raise to these employees and with other employee raises to the departments due to legislative machinations, education will have to pay in excess of an additional \$30,000 for its 893 Classified employees.

"Wages are even more critical with the unclassified employees. The combined salaries of both teaching and auxiliary college and university employees amount to considerably less than the average hourly paid factory worker.

"Further, the legislature provided for \$150,000 of the budget for a new college and after some colleges get a pittance of an increase others actually get less money than they did last year:

Refunds

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rules. But the committee recommended that permitted activities also be more clearly defined.

The report was referred to state agencies for their review and comments before final consideration.

Success of a group life insurance program sponsored by the Commission for state workers was assured by what Civil Service Director Franklin K. DeWald said was a "surprisingly high level of acceptance" indicated in initial enrollment figures.

WITH ENROLLMENT in the group life program closing Aug. 14, DeWald said that of 8,689 enrollment cards tabulated over 90 per cent (7,798) of the employees signed up for the program.

"We expected over two-thirds of the employees would enroll and were hoping for as much as 75 per cent response, but this level of acceptance was totally unexpected," DeWald said.

Only 17,000 of 31,000 state workers carry group life insurance now, under three different plans. The state contributory program is designed to enroll all employees in one group in an effort to obtain better coverage at lower rates. The state will pay half the single person cost for employees, but will not share dependent costs.

The Birmingham Eclectic Classified pages offer you a fine opportunity to sell your unwanted household goods.

Skills

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him lively adventure in an easy-to-read format.

WARNING—IF your child is having trouble reading: 1. Don't become irritated and disgusted with him. Your anxiety will make him so resentful and discouraged that his reading difficulties will increase.

2. Don't compare his reading with other, more successful, young readers in his family. Such comparisons make a youngster feel inept and inferior and may keep him from reading.

3. Don't air his reading difficulties in front of the family or visitors.

4. Don't try to solve his reading problems yourself. Have a conference with his teacher. If she thinks he needs remedial reading help or consultation with the school psychologist, take her expert advice.

5. Give him opportunities to do things at which he excels. Praise him for his skills at baseball or

Schools

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are sent to the college designated by the student.

NATIONAL MERIT Scholarship Qualifying Test: This test consists of two parts. Second-semester juniors and first-semester seniors may take the first part in the spring. Students scoring high enough on the preliminary test must take a second test the following December in order to be eligible for a National Merit Scholarship.

The names of students who do well on the tests are distributed to colleges. Scholarships are given by the sponsor to a limited number of students; colleges also may use the tests results in awarding other scholarships. A fee is usually charged for these tests.

drawing pictures. When he knows he is good at something, he will not feel inferior because he can't read as well as others of his age.

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