

Elementary School Checklist

JANUARY - MARCH TO-DOS

At Private Prep, our diverse team of tutors and experts cover a wide range of academic needs at the elementary school level. We've compiled advice from our team into a single to-do list to help you manage the middle of the school year and plan for the future without getting overwhelmed or burned out.

- Review the goals that you and your child set at the beginning of the school year. If necessary, adjust the plan and your expectations.
- Take note of what teachers observe about your child, academically as well as socially. Consider options for providing additional support or enrichment at home.
- If homework time feels stressful, consider revamping your current homework routine. Small changes can make a big difference!
- Find time for a shared literacy experience at home. Research has shown that reading with your child can boost language skills, vocabulary knowledge, reading comprehension, and much more!
- Establish tracking methods, like checklists and reward charts. Positive reinforcement at this age goes a long way to solidifying habits for life.
- Re-evaluate your child's after-school schedules and activities. What's working? What's not? If overscheduled, perhaps eliminate an activity to provide more down time.
- Be sure to make time for rest, recovery, and adventure. Your child is halfway through another year already, and that calls for some reflection and celebration!

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- If English is your second language, the start of the new year is an ideal time to work on the language as a family. Consider using picture books and introducing a word of the day. When your child wants to watch TV, request that the shows be in English.

Keeping the momentum high mid-year is important, but it can be challenging to achieve. We are here to help ensure you and your student are supported along the way, so don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or need guidance throughout the year.

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