Homework Lesson Plan

1) Read book *What to Do When Your Mom or Dad Say . . Do Your Homework* by Joy Wilt Berry

2) Review concept of instant knowledge (do something once and remembering such as touching a hot stove) versus knowledge through practice (things you must practice over and over in order to learn such as math facts or spelling words)

3) Discuss why we have to do homework. Students have so much to learn that they must do some of the learning at home. Some things you learn at school must be practiced at home to help them stick in your mind so you will always remember them. Homework is also a good way to help you improve your organizational skills including planning, time management, and getting things done by yourself.

4) Go over homework plan assignment and assignment notebook

5) Discuss homework tips
   - Experiment to see what time works best for you. Some people need to get all the work done as soon as they get home. Others do better if they have a half hour of relaxation time first or if they start their homework right after supper.
   - Make a list of things you need to get done. It feels good to cross them off when they have been completed.
   - Do the worst first. This is when you have the most energy. The rest will seem easier.
   - Try setting a timer to see if you can get each assignment done in a specific amount of time.
   - Don't forget to reward yourself when you are done!