

## **Optimistic Outcomes: Amazon Review**

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Optimistic Outcomes is a flip-style book you can leave on your desk to inspire you on a daily basis as you seek the best education for your child. Maureen McKay is a mom who has found a way to organize ideas in a unique way so busy parents can find ideas fast. Each pages covers a topic like math, life skills, study strategies, language arts, memorization and projects.

The skills in this book encourage a child to study independently, maximize learning styles, simplify school work and improve family communication. Maureen McKay gives excellent advice when discussing critiquing work. She recommends: "Start by pointing out that you are going to make comments on things you like and things that might need fine tuning." She tries to remain positive all while providing constructive criticism that will help a child improve their writing.

"Some children tune out if they see too many red marks on their work. If your child reacts this way, try another color for editing and proofreading marks." ~ Card 5.04

This book also arrives with a companion CD-ROM. Teachers, caregivers and parents will enjoy this book as it has many ideas teachers can use in the classroom and parents can use while helping children excel when doing their homework. Icons on the pages indicate learning strategies for auditory, visual and kinesthetic learners. Some of the main ideas include:

- Understanding Directions
- Reading Comprehension
- Writing
- Spelling
- Computation
- Test Taking
- Mnemonics
- Understanding Time Management
- Managing Self and Possessions
- Communication ideas for Parents in regards to Your Child's Teacher
- Parenting Perspectives

Some of the great ideas include keeping a "Homework Tool Box" in a place where your child does their homework. Ideas are given for what to keep in the box and there are also ideas about making sure children have a snack or food that can make them more alert when doing homework.

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