

Homework Policy

Homework is a useful means of encouraging independence and good work habits. It provides additional time for extending the work done during the day and for reinforcing skills needing additional practice.

The following are intended as guidelines sufficiently flexible to allow for individual differences in teaching style and in student learning rates. They should not be regarded as rigid rules.

- While a specified homework time is not indicated for kindergarten, kindergarten teachers may assign homework to their students.
- Homework is normally assigned Monday through Thursday. On Fridays, homework may be assigned at the teacher's discretion. Teachers, especially in cycle 3, may assign project work during holiday periods.
- English and French teachers in levels 3-6 cooperate to balance the homework load.

WHAT IS HOMEWORK?

- Homework is based on lessons taught in class.
- The student should be able to complete the homework on her/his own. (Younger students may need assistance with reading.)
- Assignments may be of various types:
 - written work
 - studying or memorizing material taught in class
 - project work
 - reading or doing research

WHY IS HOMEWORK ASSIGNED?

- to develop regular and independent work habits
- to reinforce class work
- to develop responsibility
- to complete work not finished in class
- to reinforce skills taught in class
- to commit to memory ideas or concepts
- to allow time to collect information
- to work on an assigned project over a period of time



HOW MUCH HOMEWORK IS ASSIGNED?

Grade 1 → 30 minutes

Grade 2 → 45 minutes

Grade 3/4 → 60 minutes

Grade 5/6 → 60-90 minutes

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENTS?

- to list homework assignments in the school agenda
- to bring home all the materials needed to do the homework properly
- to do all the written work neatly
- to use the appropriate copybooks, as requested by the teacher
- to consider study work as important as written work

WHAT ARE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SCHOOL?

- to assign homework based on material taught in class
- to notify parents if a student is not completing the homework on a regular basis
- to ask that parents sign the student's agenda each evening
- to review written work and study assignments with their students



WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS?

- to schedule a regular time for homework and insist that this time be only for school work
- to provide a quiet, appropriate place for study (not near television or radio)
- to supervise that the work is done and to support the child and the school
- to sign the student agenda each evening in order to confirm homework assignments have been completed
- to encourage the child to read
- to read to younger children as often as possible so as to instil in them a love of reading
- to inform the teacher/school if the child, on a regular basis, is spending too much time or too little time on homework