



School-Specific Procedures

Homework

Primary Grades: Kindergarten–Grade 3

Homework for pupils in the Primary grades is encouraged only for special purposes and varies vastly from Kindergarten to Grade 3. Homework may include an expectation for the students to:

- complete work not finished in class
- practice number facts, spelling lists, or literacy or numeracy based activities
- read and/or be read to for 15-30 minutes per day

In the Primary grades, your child's education is extended through the special time and experiences provided at home. Trips to the library, bank, store and park, as examples, give young children beginning skills and information. These types of experiences help to develop a child's background knowledge, as well as his/her personal vocabulary. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about what they are seeing and doing during these experiences to help with this development. Reading with your children for a short time each day is an excellent way to develop their interest in printed literature and information. It is also very important for a child to have time to play. Play is a healthy pastime. Time at home provides valuable opportunities for play and learning. Enjoyable leisure time with family and friends provides children with the opportunity to acquire social skills and establish important relationships. Above all, positive parental interest in schoolwork and accomplishments helps to ensure a happy, confident and enthusiastic learner.

Junior Grades: Grades 4-6

In the Junior grades, parents may expect assignments on a regular basis, which require students to:

- complete work not finished in class , and/or projects as assigned
- improve skills in mathematics and language arts
- review and study for tests
- read for 30 minutes each evening

It is our expectation that students in these grades may expect, on average, 45-60 minutes (including personal reading time) of planned homework at a fixed time each evening. We encourage children to read at home and parents to read to/with them daily. The benefits of recreational reading are numerous and we recommend and encourage this valuable activity each day. Students and parents are also encouraged to set aside a time each day for homework and review.

Intermediate Grades: Grades 7-8

In the Intermediate grades, parents may expect assignments on a regular basis, which require students to:

- complete work not finished in class , and/or projects as assigned
- improve skills in mathematics and language arts
- preview materials for class
- prepare an ongoing review of notes
- maintain notebooks and organizer
- study for tests
- read for pleasure for 30 minutes each evening

It is our expectation that students in these grades may expect, on average, 60 to 90 minutes (including personal reading time) of planned homework at a fixed time each evening. Homework should be done in a well-lit, uncluttered and well-equipped (pencils, pens, dictionaries, paper, etc.) area. We encourage children to read at home and parents to read to/with them. The benefits of recreational reading are numerous and we recommend and encourage this valuable activity each day.

