

Instruction

Homework/Make-Up Work

Homework

Homework is normally an extension of a child’s instructional program – work the child does *independently at home*. Its primary function is to be a positive extension of the curriculum and shall not be used as a punitive measure. In addition, its purpose is to recall and review those skills which were introduced in the classroom and which require practice and independent use in order for a child to gain mastery. From time to time homework may be assigned to challenge a student’s thinking. This open ended work will not necessarily require a single right answer. The assignment of homework shall be determined by the teacher in accordance with the individual needs of the student.

Homework requires careful planning by the teacher. It requires that the teacher recognize the varying strengths and limitations of each student; that the teacher’s directions will be clearly given; that the teacher will evaluate the completed work; and that the teacher will return to the child the evaluated work with appropriate comments.

In planning homework the teacher should know something of the child’s activities outside of school. A child should have an opportunity to live and to grow as a complete person. A child needs time to play, to socialize with peers, to pursue special interests, and to interact with siblings. Factors or agencies other than the school are also educative, and there are times when other activities are as vital to the child’s development as the teacher’s assignment.

TIME GUIDELINES

GRADE	TIME IN MINUTES	TIMES PER WEEK	DAYS
K	10	Twice	Varies
1	15	Three times	Varies
2	20	Four times	Mon-Thurs
3	30	Four times	Mon-Thurs
4	35	Four times	Mon-Thurs
5	40	Four times	Mon-Thurs
6	50	Four times	Mon-Thurs

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Homework (contd.)

Normally homework will not be assigned on weekends, vacation time, or special holidays. However, from time to time long term assignments will extend over weekends and vacations. In addition to that which is assigned, children at all levels should read every night for pleasure.

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