



Shahid Mahdavi Educational Complex

Homework Policy

Homework forms an important part of a student's education since it reinforces the work covered during lessons. For students of our school, homework is an expectation, although the amount and nature of the homework will vary according to the age and grade of the student.

The school provides student record books (diaries/agendas) to assist with the organization of assignments. Homework assignments and due dates are recorded each day and should be checked and initialed by parents/guardians. The student record books can be a useful vehicle for the direct communication between home and school and should be checked daily.

It is recommended that parents/guardians remain aware of their children's homework, course work and project commitments. Ensuring that adequate time is set aside and that there is a quiet place for the child to work, will be of particular assistance in establishing good study habits. Parents should not be involved in doing the homework.

Homework assignments are listed by the teacher on the "Homework Board." Students must copy their assignments and the teacher will initial it in the appropriate column. Teachers may also use the school's internet portal to post the assignments of the students.

Teachers must assign homework on a daily basis. Homework should be totally related to the school work of the same they. For grades 1 to 3 the homework is always due the next school day. Grade 4 and above can be due in two days.

How long should it take?
Rough guidelines are:

<u>Grade Level</u>	<u>Time of Homework per day</u>
Kindergarten	parents reading
Grade 1	10-20 minutes + reading
Grade 2	20-30 minutes + reading
Grade 3	30-40 minutes + reading
Grade 4	40-50 minutes + reading
Grade 5	50-60 minutes + reading
Grade 6 and above	60-70 minutes + reading

Please consult your child's teacher if your child needs more time for completion of homework on a continual basis.

What form can assignments take?

Handwriting practice, Inquiry tasks, Review (spelling, number facts, test material, etc.), Skill games, Creative writing, Oral assignments, Continuation of classroom activities, Foreign language practice, Projects.



Reading at home

In addition to daily homework assignments, all students are expected to read at home on a daily basis. This includes both reading aloud to parents and reading silently. Building reading stamina (the ability to read for longer periods of time) positively impacts student learning. Parents are also strongly encouraged to read aloud to their children. This provides a model of good reading at home, promotes interest in reading, and helps foster a love of reading.