

How Can Homework Help?

Improves communication—

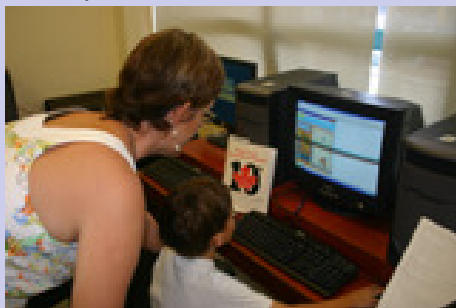
- *Student achievement improves when parents, students and teachers share what is happening in class.*

Provides practice time—

- *Skill development requires practice. Homework provides practice time for skills necessary in reading, writing, mathematics, research, and so on.*

Connects learning—

- *Students remember information better when it is connected to something personal.. Asking your child questions about what they are learning in school will improve their understanding of concepts and information.*



Homework is any of:

Teacher initiated:

- Completing or reviewing daily work
- Projects or assigned activities
- Updating or completing notebooks
- Preparation for tests
- Enrichment activities

Student initiated:

- Sharing new learning with family
- Playing educational games with family and peers
- Involvement in everyday home activities.
- Working on projects
- Daily review of work covered during school
- Pleasure reading
- Watch news/documentaries

Tips for Parents

- Provide a suitable environment for working at home
- Post your child's timetable where it is visible to all
- Check the student agenda nightly
- Review homework after completion
- Read to and listen to your child read, and discuss books/movies they have read
- Be a resource for your child. Encourage independence, not dependence for homework completion
- Establish a balance between homework and other activities.
- Keep a timetable visible at home.

Homework at Maple Leaf International School

At Maple Leaf, we work to enable each student to succeed in school. Successful students make connections between what is taught in school and what is experienced outside the classroom. When these connections are made students may be acquiring or consolidating new knowledge, they may be practicing new skills, or they may be preparing for future experiences. This is homework.



HOMEWORK GUIDELINES

Homework is an integral part of the school program and is evaluated in the “Learning Skills” portion of your child’s report card. It is designed to be completed outside of school time. Homework reinforces the lessons taught during the day and enables teachers and students to more comprehensively cover a rigorous curriculum. Students should have homework each night. This homework may come in many forms. It could be reading a book, working on math questions, collecting materials for a project, or completing research. The amount of time spent each evening will vary from approximately 15 minutes to close to 90 minutes, depending on the age and grade level of your child. Rarely does a student not have any homework. Remember to check your child’s agenda. This is where homework is detailed and there may be messages from your child’s teacher.

Please encourage your child to accept personal ownership for the organization and completion of his/her homework. It will help your child to become more responsible and independent. Homework assignments are written on the board each day and time is given to write the assignments in the agenda.



Tonight’s homework is recreational reading and ...

Kindergarten might include:

- Share and discuss topics of study and monthly calendar activities
- Practice getting dressed independently
- Discuss the pictures in a story

Grade 1 might include:

- Count out loud by 2s, 5s, 10s
- Worksheets to support units being taught

Grade 2 might include:

- Practice reading high frequency word lists
- Collect materials related to science or social studies topics
- Practice basic addition and subtraction facts

Grade 3 might include:

- Work with parents to complete assignment begun in class
- Review high frequency word lists
- Work on a project

Grade 4 might include:

- Review and share information recorded in student planner
- Work on projects requiring research or construction at home
- Edit written assignments with help

Grade 5 might include:

- Read from novel studied in class
- Complete portions of assigned projects

- Study for tests

Grade 6 might include:

- Math drill and practice
- Projects and research
- Reading for novel studies and enjoyment

Grade 7 might include:

- Projects and research
- Review of subject matter for information
- Preparation for tests

Grade 8 might include:

- Regular practice of editing and revision skills
- Projects and research
- Preparation for various forms of assessment
- Study/review
- Listen to or look at News.

EXTENDED ABSENCES

It is the expectation of Maple Leaf International School that students will attend school on scheduled school days and take holidays according to the school year calendar. In the event that parents choose to take their children out of school at times other than school holidays, it cannot be expected that the student do what the class is doing. It is not possible to provide detailed daily homework assignments that replicate the missed school work. Parents are encouraged to plan activities such as daily journals, travel logs, reading, and related mathematics, science, and technology activities. It is also recommended that parents contact their child’s teacher to inform them of any extended absences. In Grades 7 and 8 it is the student’s responsibility to find out what work will be covered during his/her absence. All students in Grades 4-8 should fill out an Extended Absence form which they can get from their homeroom teacher. A copy of which will be kept by their teacher(s).