

Homework and Your Child

At Dennis Avenue Community School, homework is an out-of-classroom learning experience assigned by a teacher to enhance student learning. It is important that a regular time and quiet place be set aside each day for the completion of homework. Please take the time to look at your child's work after it is completed to ensure that it has been done to the best of his or her ability. Please make sure that your child brings the work back the next day.

There are four types of commonly assigned homework, each having a different intended outcome as shown below:

1. **Completion:** any work assigned during the school day not completed in class
2. **Practice:** any work that reviews and reinforces skills and concepts taught in class
3. **Preparation:** any work that prepares students for upcoming lessons or classes
4. **Extension:** any work that explores and refines learning in new contexts or integrates and expands on classroom learning

The purpose of all types of homework is to ensure it is both effective in promoting high quality student learning and achievement and it nurtures a desire for students to keep learning. Homework is curriculum based and meets the developmental and individual needs of each student. It is designed so students understand what is expected of them before leaving school; however, parents/guardians may be involved in supporting their child's learning.

Examples of homework:

- completing unfinished class work
- reading at home daily, independently, and with your family
- correcting class work
- practising number facts (add, subtract, multiply, divide)
- reviewing daily work
- preparing and studying for tests or research-based projects
- interactive activities such as playing games or cooking with your family