

## HOMWORK POLICY



Homework is an out-of-classroom learning experience assigned by a teacher to enhance student 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.

At Heather Heights, it is our belief that homework is an important and integral part of your child's educational experience.

Your child may be assigned the following types of homework:

**Practice Homework** - reviews and reinforces skill and concepts taught in class.

**Preparation Homework** - prepares students for upcoming lessons or classes.

**Extension Homework** - explores and refines learning in new contexts or integrates and expands on classroom learning.

**Completion Homework** - work assigned during the school day, not completed in class.

Effective homework assignments:

- ✓ Are curriculum based and meet the developmental and individual needs of the student
- ✓ Should be commented on to provide feedback for future learning
- ✓ Are designed to require no additional teaching outside the classroom and are engaging and relevant to student learning
- ✓ Do not require resources or technology to which students may not have access
- ✓ May be designed to involve parents/guardians in supporting their children's learning but should not teach new concepts

Time spent on homework should be balanced with the importance of personal/family wellness and family obligations.

**JK/SK** – Teachers may provide resources to support home-based early learning activities.

**Gr. 1-6 (early primary)** – Daily reading, interactive activities, games, discussions

**Gr. 1-6 (late primary and junior)** – More independent work assigned

**\*\*\*Please refer to the TDSB Homework Policy.**

Responsibilities of Students:

- ✓ Writing homework daily in their agenda
- ✓ Keeping track of due dates and informing parents about tests and long-term projects
- ✓ Making certain that assignments are understood and that all materials needed are taken home
- ✓ Seeking additional help from the teacher, when necessary
- ✓ **Bringing the completed work back to school at the appropriate time**



Responsibilities of Teachers:

- ✓ Providing a variety of meaningful and relevant assignments to ensure success
- ✓ Providing assistance to students requiring help with their homework
- ✓ Providing follow-up of the homework through discussion and/or marking of the assignment

Responsibilities of Parents/Guardians:

- ✓ Checking and signing the agenda for assigned tasks
- ✓ Providing encouragement, support, and guidance in the homework experience
- ✓ Arranging for an appropriate workplace
- ✓ Providing a block of uninterrupted time
- ✓ **Ensuring that the homework is completed and returned to the school at the appropriate time**