

Homework and Absence Policy



We believe that reading is an important part of the child's education. Reading skills have a direct impact on student success.

We believe that a child's education is the responsibility of both the school and the home. School and home exposure to the English language is crucial to student success. Part of this responsibility involves home reading.

KINDERGARTEN Guidelines

Parents are asked to be involved in assigned learning projects and home reading as well as support their children (Please see the Kindergarten teacher for details)

Suggested time for Kindergarten students: 10 to 15 minutes daily.

GENERAL ELEMENTARY Guidelines

Homework **may be assigned by a teacher** and could consist of:

- Daily Home Reading and online math/ELA practice, as specified by the teacher
- Studying spelling words
- Unfinished classwork
- Assigned project work, such as: individual presentations, monthly reading responses, etc.

MANDATORY Home Reading: The time that students must read varies per grade level.

Home Reading	English	French
Cycle 1 students	15 to 20 minutes daily	1 book a week
Cycle 2 students	15 to 20 minutes daily	30 minutes a week
Cycle 3 students	20 minutes daily	40 minutes a week

TEACHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Determine the relevance of individual assignments, its timeline, if it is a home or school project, and provide appropriate feedback to the student as well as to parents.
- Send evaluations home to be signed for verification purposes by the parent.
- Request the child to complete the unfinished work as soon as possible during his/her own free time at recess or noon hour.
- **Teachers will not prepare lessons/homework in advance nor reteach concepts if your child is absent for reasons other than illness** (see absences below).

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Read in English to (or with) your child every day.
- Attend the Meet-the-Teacher Night to understand the teacher's individual homework procedures.
- Empty your child's schoolbag daily.
- Check your child's school agenda daily.
- Verify the completion of your child's homework.

STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Complete each night's home reading and organize materials/book bag.
- Return homework assignments to school on time.

ABSENCES

As prescribed by the ministry of education, we do not provide exam retakes to students unless the student was absent due to illness and parents must provide the school with a medical note.

Please note that sports events, scheduled appointments during school hours, family holidays, vacations, etc. do not qualify for providing exam/test retakes, reteaching missed knowledge or assigning homework to the absent student.

This policy was approved by resolution of the Governing Board: