

Homework

Home study plays a vital role in the attainment of good progress. It is necessary to learn how to work and study effectively. Each student must learn to work by himself. With effective home study he can learn how to solve problems independently, to drill, to review, to summarize, and to do independent reading and research.

Our staff assigns homework when the need exists. It is not our intention to let it become excessive or to become just busy work. It is given for a specific purpose. The amount varies from child to child based on need and the amount not completed during class time.

Some Good Rules for Home Study

1. Home study is a habit which can be learned through regular practice each night.
2. If no homework is assigned, this is your opportunity to review.
3. Have a time and place for study.
4. Make out a study schedule.
5. Take short breaks between periods of study. Few young people or adults can effectively concentrate for long periods of time without a short break.
6. Do your most difficult subject first.
7. Form the habit of asking for help whenever you do not understand some part of your work.
8. Oral drill is excellent for most subjects - ask someone at home to hear your work whenever possible.
9. Don't be satisfied with just getting by. Get the satisfaction that comes from doing your work thoroughly and well.

Student's Responsibility re Work

The following set of guidelines is an attempt to specifically state in writing the practices the teachers will be following so that everyone can see and know what the staff is doing and how. We trust that all parents will fully support this procedure and that they, too, will do their best in helping their children become self-disciplined, responsible pupils both at home and at school.

Grades 1-4

Pupils should be praised and encouraged if they have done good work, especially if they tend to be slow workers. At times it may be wise to take away particular privileges and/or set the child aside to do the work more quickly. Children should come to know that incomplete work may bring particular consequences. Of utmost importance is that the teacher knows the child's abilities and will then base her expectations of the child on that knowledge. All pupils are expected to take their books and papers into the classroom at the beginning of the day and will not be allowed to leave the classroom during class time to obtain materials left in the hall. The guidelines re: P.E. clothes for Grade 3 and 4 are as follows: P.E. clothes must be worn --

school T-shirt, P.E. shoes and dark coloured (preferably blue) shorts. If a pupil does not have these items, he/she will not be allowed in P.E. class, but will sit in with another class instead. Repeated failure to have the necessary P.E. clothes for P.E. classes may result in the lowering of the pupil's P.E. mark. Parents are encouraged to take careful note of their child(ren)'s P.E. schedule concerning the washing of P.E. clothes.

Grades 5-8

Normally, much of the work assigned in school is completed during school hours. Pupils in the upper grades will have homework quite regularly. Work not completed in class or for homework must be completed regardless. Assignments given to pupils to be completed for a future date, must be in by the specified date (the time between the assignment date and that of completion will be quite adequate, but sometimes pupils may leave an assignment until the last night even though they may have had two weeks to do it).

P.E. clothes are the same as those for Grades 3 and 4.

The Home

Many skills and attitudes are taught at home before the child reaches school and continue to grow during the educational years at school. The home and school can support each other tremendously. Parents can help when they:

- Encourage a positive attitude towards school.
- Take time for listening and discussion and answer thoughtfully.
- Accept the child for what he/she is, rather than wanting him/her to be like a brother, sister or someone else. Compare achievements of your child with his own record only.
- Teach obedience early. Remember that a child must obey parents and others before self-discipline can ever develop.
- Be consistent and clear in what you expect of your children.
- Encourage clear and correct speech.
- Realize that sufficient periods of rest and sleep are crucial.
- Establish desirable health habits and sensitivity for good manners.
- Provide a quiet time for reading or homework.
- Above all: **Pray for and with the children in matters that concern school.**