



RAINBOW STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Homework Policy

The purposes of homework are:-

1. To enable pupils to assimilate and consolidate work given at school.
2. To train and cultivate habits of self-directed reading and home study.
3. To stimulate cultural and recreational interests that will lead us to use of leisure in such a way as to develop personality and character.
4. To assist in the growth and development of the creative urge by the pursuit of hobbies and the exercise of manual and other natural aptitudes.
5. In 2010, in consultation with the P & C and teaching community, it was agreed that no homework be given in the first and last week of each term.

Parents are encouraged to read to their children and share other activities such as gathering information and materials necessary for school activities.

At Rainbow Street School, generally, very little formal homework is given in the first year of school. From Year 1, children may regularly be set specific tasks (time taken to complete may extend up to an hour for upper Primary). This varies from class to class, most teachers preferring the children to spend their time in a more relaxed way - reading, pursuing hobbies, playing imaginative games etc.

The most useful homework of all has little to do with textbooks and exercise but it can be guaranteed to help children become better learners and happier human beings. This is some of the HOMEwork that really makes a difference.

- lots and lots of family conversation - story telling, jokes, discussions about everything under the sun.
- shared bed-time stories with mother, father or older family members reading to the children.
- private reading before lights-out.
- family games, activities and hobbies.
- regular visits to local library.
- outings to all kinds of places of social and historic or natural interest.
- the kind of imaginative play that comes naturally to children of all ages.