



## **Does Your School Assign Homework?**

The short answer is yes, with exceptions for younger students, which is explained in further detail below. As a hybrid school, our school follows the model of most content being taught on the 2 (or 1) attending school days, with “homework” being assigned to complete on the other 3 (or 4) days of the week during the student’s normal school time at home.

However, keep in mind that our “homework” is not like a traditional school’s after-school homework. It is not just practicing what they already learned in class. Rather, our homework is a continuance of each student’s learning and the completion of the curriculum content on the other 3 (or 4) days at home.

### **PreK/K:**

You can expect to help them prepare for Show-n-Tell.

### **GRADE 1**

Our young students will not have much homework assigned to them. You can expect to read chapters from novels at home with them, as well as help them prepare for Show-n-Tell.

### **GRADES 2-4**

These students will have a small amount of homework assigned, less for 2nd grade and more for 4th. The composition curriculum requires work to be done 2-3 days a week at home. Additionally, you can expect them to need to read assigned novels as well as prepare short presentations to share in class. Occasional projects may be assigned from time to time in other subjects, particularly for 4th grade.

### **GRADES 5-8**

As students advance in grades, they will receive more assigned homework. We do not believe the time allotted (~50 min 2x per week per class) at 3:17 is adequate for the thorough and proper study of core subjects for grades 5-8. Therefore, expect that they will be assigned homework for most or all subjects, with a lighter load for 5th graders, steadily increasing to a heavier load for 8th graders. We want to be faithful to educate our students well and prepare them to excel in high school.

### **HIGHSCHOOL**

Expect significant homework for each high school class. We take seriously the high school classes we are offering, as we are endeavoring to prepare our students well for college. Because high school students will be receiving course credits for each class completed, students will be receiving grades from their teachers. All homework will be required and graded accordingly.

### **Parents Have the Final Say**

That said, as a school we recognize that ultimately you are your child’s teacher. You are responsible to the state for their education, not us. All homework assigned by teachers is

intentional and specific, designed to give your child the most thorough learning experience we can offer them, making the best use of both in-class and at-home days and all the curriculums have to offer. But homework is never mandatory. You as the parent—the “head teacher”—can always decide whether or not your student completes assigned homework.