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ACADEMY

## **HOMework POLICY**

At New York Academy we believe that homework helps students to build self-discipline, establish routines, develop independence, and reinforce the practice of academic skills. As students develop academically, homework may require the supervision of parents. Parent supervision assists students in meeting deadlines and teacher expectations (reminders to use neat writing, show math work etc.). Homework tasks will typically be designed to allow students to complete assignments without instructional assistance, to promote independence in showing one's understanding of concepts taught in class.

Our goal at NYA is to make sure that homework is meaningful for children while also meeting their educational needs.

Why is assessment important?

**Below are the guidelines for homework expectations at NYA:**

- No homework until PreK4
- The homework policy of the school will be accessible to staff and parents
- Homeroom teachers will assign and go over homework with students (to allow for clarifying words, questions and provide examples where needed)
- Homework will help students practice what they have learned in class, get ready for future learning, and/or build on what they have already learned
- Each assignment must have a purpose, be useful, and relate to the current or previously covered lesson
- There should be a clear understanding of what the purpose of homework is
- Students will receive feedback from teachers on completed assignments
- For each year level, reading will make up at least half of the daily homework
- Turning in homework past deadline can be approved by a teacher, only if a valid reason for late completion (this is up to the teacher to approve or not)
- Students on unexcused personal vacations may complete make-up work if requested, but the teacher is under no obligation to create special assignment packets
- For homework, students may use digital tools including laptops, cameras, iPads, and other devices
- Teachers are encouraged to impose time limits when assigning projects that require the use of digital technologies

**Homework tasks will consist mainly of:**

- Review, extension, or application of tasks associated with classroom activities and lessons covered
- Collecting materials and/or information for upcoming lessons
- A continuation of classroom work, projects and assignments, essays and research
- Student reflections related to the essential elements of each unit of inquiry
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as homework

**Kindergarten:**

- Only two days will be allotted for homework, to include topics from UOI, Math, and ELA
- The assignments must be finished and submitted on time, with due date supplied by the teacher

**Kindergarten homework options:**

- Sight words
- Phonics
- Spelling
- News preparation
- Oral language
- Basic number skills and facts
- Monday through Friday there will be homework, which will include both the material being discussed in the homeroom at the time and material that has already been covered.
- Students must finish the assignments and submit them properly to receive prompt feedback

**Homework options:**

- Spelling
- Reading comprehensions
- Creative writing
- Math practice
- Reading fluency
- Reflections

**The time table below shows the time allocation for each grade:**

- KG. - 10 minutes
- Grade 1 - 15 minutes
- Grade 2 - 20 minutes
- Grade 3 - 25 minutes
- Grade 4 - 40 minutes
- Grade 5 - 45 Minutes
- Grade 6 - 50 minutes

## **Reading for Pleasure**

We expect that all children will experience at least 10-20 minutes of uninterrupted reading at home each day. The amount of time given will depend on the age and ability level of each student. We ask that parents read to, and with, their children irrespective of the grade level. Parents who need assistance with book selections can speak to the librarian and or their child's classroom teacher.

We appreciate it is a long day for children and at times and events come up at home that may prevent adequate time to complete homework. If you feel that the homework is taking too long to complete, or your child is too tired etc. please feel free to allow them to stop working and then write a note to let the teacher know the circumstances.

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