

Victorian Department of Education Homework Guidelines

Homework Guidelines

As part of a comprehensive and balanced curriculum within Victorian schools, homework is seen as one way of supporting and fostering life-long learning and connecting families with the learning of their children.

Value of homework

The current evidence and research shows that the quality of homework assigned is likely to be more important than the quantity. Research has established that homework has a positive effect on learning, particularly at the middle and secondary school.

Homework helps students by:

- complementing and reinforcing classroom learning fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- providing an opportunity for students to become responsible for their own learning
- developing self-regulation processes such as goal-setting, self-efficacy, self-reflection and time management
- supporting partnerships with parents by connecting families with the learning of their children
- fostering a sense of self-discipline and responsibility and prepare students for upper grades

Quality practice

It is not necessary to assign large amounts of homework; however it is important that homework provides students with opportunities to practice skills, review content and deepen understanding of concepts learned. Homework and practice can also help students to develop self-regulation processes, such as time management and study skills.

All homework should mainly consist of daily reading to, with, and by parents/carer or older siblings.

For further information, please refer to

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p060612.aspx>

Homework at Mildura West PS

At Mildura West we attempt to make the Homework relevant and suitable to each student. Please contact your child's teacher or the Principal if you have any concerns, or if the homework is too difficult.

It is also important to remember that spending time with your child, helping them with their homework and chatting to them about their learning will help them a great deal.

Ask them about their Goals, their accomplishments and their challenges.

Understanding how they are enjoying school and how they are progressing with their learning will be of great benefit for your child.

Mildura West Primary School

Weekly Homework Guidelines – Term 1 2019



Prep

Reading

- Children need to read the book they take home each day. (Parents record daily).
- We also encourage parents to read TO their child each night.

Maths

- Practising of relevant classroom learning, as needed.
- Maths games

Grade 1/2

Reading

- Children need to read the book they home each day. (Parents record daily).
- We also encourage parents to read TO their child each night.

Maths

- Practising of relevant classroom learning as needed.
 - eg. counting
 - time
 - times tables
 - addition / subtraction
- Maths games

Grade 3/4

Reading

- Children to read for 30 minutes every day.
- Children keep a record of their Home Reading.

Maths

- Practising times tables
- Mental Maths
- Mathletics (optional)

Unit of Inquiry

- Children may work on their Unit of Inquiry as needed or as they desire.

Grade 5/6

Reading

- Children read indepently for 30 minutes each night, recording this in their homework book.

Maths

- Practise all times tables and division facts up to 12 x 12. ie $7 \times 8 = 56$, $56 \div 8 = 7$

Unfinished Classroom Tasks

- Children may need to complete tasks that have not been completed during class time.

Unit of Inquiry

- Children may work on their Unit of Inquiry as needed or as they desire.