

Evergreen Elementary School - Homework Philosophy

2017-2018

Objectives of Homework

Homework must have a clear and meaningful purpose, such as:

- To practice a learned skill
- To preview material before it is presented in class
- To review information and skills previously taught
- To study and prepare for evaluations/tests in order to consolidate learning
- To complete work begun in class

Communication is So Important

No child's education is complete without an open line of communication between the teachers and the child's parents. We encourage our parents to communicate quickly and directly with the classroom teacher should there be questions or concerns about home learning assignments. Clear communication through your child's agenda (or email where appropriate) will help us to work as a parent-teacher team. It is the parent's responsibility to sign and read your child's agenda on a daily basis to stay current with what is happening in school. This will ultimately build your child's skills and confidence and it will maintain a positive approach to school.

Learning Comes From Reading

We believe reading is the basis of all learning. Reading for 15 minutes on a daily basis is a great way to start.

The following reading activities could be a meaningful part of home learning:

- Discussing illustrations in a book
- Reading to your child (at any age level)
- Choosing books at their level (contact classroom teachers or resource team)
- Having your child read to you (check for comprehension)
- Noticing words in the environment
- Playing games with words and sounds
- Reading and discussing the same article, story, novel, etc.
- Making connections between a book and your child's experiences
- Completion of the reading logs
- Reading in both languages is also very important (alternate days is suggested)