

# HOMework AT ASPEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

For many families, homework is a nightly battle, but as a school, we set it for a variety of reasons among so many including;

1. It helps to consolidate the skills that are being taught at school and provides children with additional revision opportunities.
2. It also gives children an opportunity to explore learning in an unstructured setting, encouraging them to be independent and follow their own lines of inquiry.
3. In addition, homework creates a partnership between school and family, giving parents an insight into what their child is learning.

It is important to note that these tasks are differentiated according to children's ability to suit individual child's needs and, not a whole class. These tasks are to take not more than 15 - to 35 minutes depending on the child as an individual.

However, if you feel your child is overloaded with homework, speak to the teacher; This is because forcing children to complete homework is counter-productive because they come to perceive it as a chore.

## **Homework schedule**

Monday - Mathematics Worksheet

Wednesday - Written science/SST

Friday - Reading comprehension worksheet + Reading book

## **Guidelines;**

- Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework. Keep supplies such as paper, pencils, glue, and scissors within reach.
- Keep distractions to a minimum; This means no TV, loud music, or phone calls during homework time(Occasionally, though, a phone call to a classmate about an assignment can be helpful.)
- Make sure kids do their work; They won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes. Parents can make suggestions and help with directions but not tell them the answers because it is the child's job to do the learning.
- Be a motivator and monitor. Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Encourage, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.
- Praise their work and efforts. Openly tell them how proud you are when they do it well and reward where it's due.
- If there are continuing problems with homework, get help. Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.