

HOMWORK POLICY AT STONE HOUSE

Dear Families

There seems to be some confusion with regards to homework at our school.

A NO HOMEWORK POLICY means: no projects, assignments, orals, no unnecessary homework, and unnecessary test preparation over weekends and for hours in the afternoon.

ALL schools expect children to read daily and expect children to learn no more than 15-20 words per week. The children have an Oyster book to work in.

Gr 1-6 children are very capable of consolidating their spelling, on their own, using the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE and CHECK method. This should take no longer than 5 minutes. You are just required to check and sign. Reading with your child, or listening to your child read for no longer than 15 minutes is essential. (Gr 1 and 2), 20 minutes (Gr 3) 30 minutes (Gr 4 -6) children should be reading a BOOK independently for at least 45 minutes per day. This is in the best interests of your child, especially if their Home Language is not English.

SHOW and TELL preparation assistance should only be from Gr 000- Gr 3, thereafter it is expected that a child at Stone House can prepare an oral presentation independently.

HOWEVER, for children that struggle at school, they may be required to do some extra work with you. We would be failing your child if we did not do this. Education of a child needs to come from home and school. We cannot be expected to do it all on our own. The “homework” from Gr 4 -6 is given because it is deemed worthwhile and of value. Gr 4-6 children may be expected to prepare for a test or complete a task, but certainly not on a daily basis—so that once they leave and go to another school, they will be self-disciplined to work and study independently as, in many schools, hours of homework is still given daily and over weekends.

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard.

If you have any further concerns, please contact your child’s teacher.