



SAINT FRANCIS
INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

GRADE 1-4

The purpose of homework is to enable the students to enrich their courses through independent reference, to master basic skills through practise, and to retain class work through review.

St. Francis encourages elementary students to complete homework independently where required, as this develops the student's sense of self discipline for the future. It also allows the teacher to see what the students are capable of doing alone, and means that work can be evaluated and assessed fairly. If homework has not been assigned, students should spend the recommended time reading, as the skills developed through practising will support and enhance all other areas of learning.

Homework often covers all strands of the curriculum. Reading every night is a part of all the classes' homework schedule.

- **Gr.1 and 2:** 20 mins nightly
- **Gr.3 and 4:** 20-40 mins nightly

If your child was unable to complete the homework due to sickness or family commitments please be sure to communicate this to the teacher in writing. The students will be expected to complete the work they have not done. If there is not a valid reason, students will receive a Homework Slip which must be signed and returned the next day.

Classrooms are locked after the teacher leaves for the day, and therefore children must take with them all texts and equipment needed to complete homework satisfactorily.

The homework is written by the teacher on the board, and children are responsible for copying this work into their school diaries.

It is of utmost importance that parents support and encourage the students to do the homework consistently to a high standard. To help in this endeavour it is essential that the students have a well lit and quiet place to work, and that they establish a regular time and place to study.

It is important that parents speak to the child's teacher regarding any concerns about the amount of time spent doing homework.