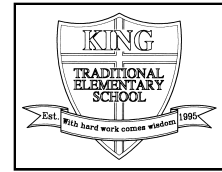


# King Traditional Homework Policy

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Homework has a well-articulated purpose and connection to learning objectives. The best purposes for homework include:

- Practice for fluency - helps students to remember and practice newly acquired skills - such as math facts, writing essays and reading for pleasure.
- Preparation - requires students to prepare for the next class e.g. by pre-reading material.
- Extension activities - encourages students to pursue knowledge individually and imaginatively. Assignments may include writing a book review or researching local news.
- Parent-child relations - enhances communication and discussion.

The amount of time assigned for homework is appropriate for each student's age and ability and takes into account students' other commitments, such as sports, music, dance and home responsibilities. At King Traditional this means:

- Homework is not to exceed 10 minutes homework per grade level.
- (10 minutes for K & Gr. 1 students, 20 minutes for Grade 2 students, etc.)
- Homework includes the Home Reading Program.

Homework is assigned 4 nights a week.

- An exception to this is Home Reading - e.g., to reach 100 minutes/week in Grade 4, students will be expected to read 20 minutes each day for 5 days, with one of these days outside the Monday to Thursday window.
- On longer projects, students may elect to defer some homework to the weekend.
- No homework will be assigned on holidays - we want to be sure to respect family time.
- Teachers may assign homework 'Challenges' over Christmas or Spring Break, however, these are not mandatory, and there are no rewards for completion.

Homework is structured to ensure high completion rates. It is designed so that students can perform it independently i.e., without the need for a teacher or parent to oversee it.

Note: Parents reading regularly to their children, and students reading daily for pleasure and as part of every day life is always our hope!