

St. John the Baptist Parish School

HOMework POLICY

Rationale

- Homework benefits students by complementing classroom learning, fostering good study habits and providing an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Learning Principles

- To support and extend classroom learning
- To develop positive study habits
- To develop a responsibility for self-learning
- Establish organisational routines

Procedures

- All students will be allocated homework diaries
- Classroom teachers will set daily homework appropriate to each child's skill level and age
- Homework activities should be interesting, challenging and where appropriate, open-ended
- Each set task will be purposeful, meaningful and relevant to the current classroom curriculum
- Homework activities will be monitored with feedback and support provided by teachers
- It is acceptable for teachers to assign unfinished classroom activities as additional homework tasks.

(Prep – Year 2)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading activities to, with and by parents
- gathering of additional information or materials.

Homework will generally not exceed 20 minutes per day, and students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their classroom teacher if the workload appears to be excessive.

(Years 3-4)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- reading independently, with and by parents
- tasks such as spelling, grammar, tables, maths and project work.

Homework will generally not exceed 30 minutes per day, and students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their classroom teacher if the workload appears to be excessive.

(Years 5 – 6)

Homework will consist mainly of:

- independent reading on a daily basis

- tasks such as continuation of classroom work, homework contract, and research.

Homework will generally not exceed 45 minutes per day, and students and parents are encouraged to communicate with their classroom teacher if the workload appears to be excessive.

Evaluation

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.