



HOMework POLICY

This policy has been developed as a result of a survey completed in March 2013 by parents and staff. It will be trialled in 2014 and reviewed at the end of the year.

Revised 2013

Rationale

- Real integrated family living is where the interests of the day are shared by all through talking, listening, and playing. It is in this context that we see the place of Homework.
- When assigning homework for a class we consider the age and ability level of the children. The homework will be purposeful and meaningful.
- Reading is an imperative life skill and as such needs to be a priority each day at home as well as at school.
- Numeracy is an imperative life skill and as such needs to be a priority each day at home as well as at school.

Outcomes

- Homework aims to develop independent and responsible work habits.
- We at SJV aim to develop student's positive study habits at home through the implementation of homework activities in reading and mathematics
- Each student will be encouraged to:
 - Read or be read to each night and record books read.
 - Complete task set using Mathletics.

Implementation

- Parents are encouraged to facilitate nightly:
 - Children reading to them (K-6)
 - Parents reading to children
 - Children having time set aside for recreational reading (e.g. bedtime)
- Homework may be a research activity based on a unit of work taught in class.
- Homework will be flexible with regards time allocation.
- Each class teacher is responsible for informing parents of particular class expectations.
- Parents are encouraged to contact the teacher if their child is experiencing difficulty.
- Reading Homework should be recorded weekly and presented to teacher.

- Mathletics is the online resource used for supporting Numeracy. Mathletics reports will be sent home regularly. Families without internet access are encouraged to talk to class teacher about alternative options.

Teachers will monitor children's homework and reward children for completing tasks. Children will be reminded each week by teachers to complete Reading and Mathletics activities. Homework will be reported on in their end of semester reports.

Budget

Mathletics \$20 per student

Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated at the end of 2014