

Homework Policy

Introduction

Montessori Schools do not typically assign daily homework. Dr. Montessori believed that if we do not dictate the work of the child in class, then it does not make sense to dictate the work they choose at home. Therefore, traditional homework is kept to a minimum. Montessorians feel that children spend all day in the classroom learning and need their afternoons and evenings to pursue their personal interests, interact with their families and relax.

Homework in the Early Childhood Community

Many activities may constitute homework, including:

- Household chores
- Responsibilities at home help the child develop language skills and cultural awareness.
- Making math a real part of the home environment (pairing socks and counting by twos; dividing a pizza into equal pieces; shopping and making change)
- Giving the child a voice in family decisions for the child's perception of math concepts and economic geography.
- Reading with and to your children every day will result in quality family time and confidence building.

Homework in the Elementary Community

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- Giving the child a voice in family decisions for the child's perception of math concepts and economic geography.
- Reading every day improves all aspects of language awareness.

Elementary Students may be asked to complete a project, undertake research, prepare a presentation or, in some cases, finish unfinished projects.

If a teacher feels that a particular child is in need of support beyond the classroom in a particular area of study they should arrange a one-to-one meeting with parents to discuss the possibility, the school director should be advised beforehand.