

Dear Parents:

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to ACES for an exciting year ahead.

To be sure your child gets off to a strong start and has the most productive year possible, we need your support. Please have your child focus on the importance of being responsible for their school work both in and out of school. They must complete all class and homework assignments when they are due and turn them in on time.

Children coming back from summer vacation have gotten used to being more relaxed in their behaviors and attitudes. We believe it's important to get students back on track immediately, so they'll perform their best this year. Parents please reinforce the importance of effective study skills at home. In addition, please read our Homework Policy below to help your child develop a strong work ethic.

“HOME LEARNING” POLICY

The purpose of homework is to develop study habits in children early on in their academic lives. It is also used to reinforce concepts that have been taught or to work on projects that have been assigned.

Teachers will use the following time schedules as a *guide* when assigning homework:

Kindergarten:	15 minutes
Grade 1:	30 minutes
Grade2:	40minutes
Grades 3:	45 minutes
Grades 4 & 5:	60 minutes
Grade6:	75 minutes

- These times are a guide based on the average child's ability to complete an assignment.
- They do not reflect time required to prepare for tests, quizzes, projects, or reading nightly.
- It is highly recommended that every student read a minimum of 20 minutes nightly, in addition to time spent doing their homework.

Please note that in addition to regular homework, a child who does not complete a **class** assignment may be required to complete the assignment for homework. Teachers keep daily records of completed homework assignments.

- *These records are used to determine quarterly grades.*

Below are a few examples of how parents may assist with homework:

- Show an interest in your child's work
- Provide a place and time for quiet study
- Assist in practicing with spelling words and number combinations
- Encourage home reading and listen to your child read
- Review the homework for neatness and completeness
- Refrain from doing the work for your child
- Discuss problems related to home study with your child's teacher