

Epsom Normal Primary School Homework Guidelines

We would firstly encourage parents to make after-school a happy and rewarding time for both the child and themselves. The children have worked very hard during the school day and children need time at home to relax and be creative. They need to have time to play and learn through play.

We encourage parents at home to:

- Provide opportunities for their child to develop their talents
- Share their own talents with their children
- Read and tell stories.

Year 1 and 2 students are expected to:

- Read with and to their parents for 15 minutes each night
- Learn selected basic facts/early maths concepts given by the teacher
- Learn selected high frequency words given by the teacher.

Year 3 and 4 students are expected to:

- Read with and to their parents for 20 minutes each night
- Learn selected basic facts given by the teacher
- Learn selected spelling words given by the teacher.

Year 5 and 6 students are expected to:

- Read for 20 minutes or more each night
- Learn all basic facts given by the teacher
- Learn selected spelling words given by the teacher.

NB: When students can instantly recall all basic maths facts at speed (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) the teacher will provide a selection of other maths activities.

HOME FOCUS

Each year the school will select a home focus to strengthen student learning at school.

For example, in 2010 the focus will be:

ORAL LANGUAGE

Year 1 and 2 students are encouraged to have interactive conversations about the topic they are learning about in topic time. For example, in Term 1 2010 based on 'I am a Historian', the topic title is 'A Tapestry of Time'.

Year 3-6 students are encouraged to have in-depth discussions at home about the selected topic for each term. Students may bring from home stories they have been told, facts they have researched and scrapbook clippings they have collected so they can better contribute to discussions held at school during their topic time. For example, in Term 1 the topic unit in Year 5 and 6 is 'The Great Apology'.

For extra activities, students are encouraged to visit the school website in the student area and use the learning links.

http://www.epsomnormalprimary.school.nz/index.php/students/learning_links