

Year 5/6

Homework Expectations



Do these each day—a little and often works best!

<p><u>Reading</u></p> <p>Take home reading:</p> <p>Reading is vital. This could be fiction, non fiction, magazines, websites - even listening to a story tape or (even better) a parent/carer at bedtime can count as part of your reading. A variety of reading texts is important.</p> <p>A minimum of 15 minutes daily reading is expected (5 days a week). Students are to record evidence of their reading in their school diary, which is collected once a week.</p>	<p><u>Mathematics</u></p> <p>Magnificent Mathematicians Homework</p> <p>Mental mathematic skills are necessary to help build confidence to solve mathematical problems. Your child has been assessed and placed on the relevant EVPS Magnificent Mathematics Homework Program level. The skills developed through the program build your child's mental mathematic skills.</p> <p>Encourage your child to practise their counting patterns or problems each night for 10 minutes.</p> <p>Testing will occur once a week.</p>	<p><u>Spelling</u></p> <p>Magic and Gemstone Spelling words:</p> <p>All EVPS students are expected to have completed the Gemstone Spelling Program. If your child has not completed the program they will be assigned a spelling level to work from.</p> <p>Encourage your child to practise their spelling words and to put them into sentences/stories for 10 minutes per night.</p> <p>Testing will occur once a week.</p> <p>Note: Some year 5/6 students have completed the formal spelling program.</p> <p>For those students who have completed their Magic and Gemstone words, they will be guided to select 5-10 words incorrectly spelt from their writing to use as their weekly words.</p>
<p>Top Tips:</p> <p>Reading aloud to an adult is strongly encouraged, even for older children.</p> <p>Also very important is discussing the texts with the child eg. Asking questions about the characters in a book, the layout of a factual book and the views provided on websites or in magazines.</p>	<p>Top Tips:</p> <p>Parent/carers could work with the child by working out different strategies and 'top tips'. Practise in the car or walking to school, it all helps.</p> <p>Tools such as Mathletics, various EduSTAR programs for 1:1 students and free apps such as Mathworkout are all useful and engaging learning tools.</p>	<p>Top Tips:</p> <p>Create a family new vocabulary chart to stick on the fridge. Each day a family member can write a new word that they saw or heard on the chart and share it's meaning.</p> <p>This tip is great for all students, regardless of whether they are on the formal spelling program or not.</p>

Holidays

- Students are not expected to complete homework during school holidays, however parents may choose to continue with the above activities.
- Students who are on extended family holidays during the term, will be provided with alternative homework.

Additional Homework:

Parents may choose for their children to also practise their literacy and numeracy skills through:

- Reading Eggs
- Mathletics