

Homework at Westmount.

Homework is a generally accepted practice in the education system where the line separating home and school is most blurred. Generally speaking, homework is seen as fulfilling two functions:

- 1) To support student learning through preparing for lessons, reviewing material, practicing skills and extending application of knowledge;
- 2) To help students develop good study habits.

At Westmount Charter School we support this view and believe that teachers, students and parents share the responsibility for reasonable expectations of students in regard to homework. A general guideline of an average of 10 min. per school night / per grade (averaged over the 7 day week) is considered reasonable.

Teacher responsibility:

- 1) Design quality homework tasks, differentiated for purpose and student needs
- 2) Provide clear expectations for students including expected time commitment
- 3) Allow reasonable time for completion considering possible outside commitments

Student responsibility:

- 1) Ensure understanding of expectations through asking for and recording information
- 2) Complete homework within time frame or make personal arrangements with teacher

Parent responsibility:

- 1) To provide for a time and place for students to work effectively on homework
- 2) To demonstrate interest in and encouragement for student learning.

Westmount teachers are not to assign tasks which require homework over long holidays, ie) winter or spring breaks.

Students who experience extended illness will be supported in their learning as appropriate.

Westmount teachers cannot be asked to provide homework for students who have extended absences due to family circumstances.