

Homework

Homework should be provided for Primary students from Monday through Thursday. Teachers are encouraged to use a management plan, as illustrated on the following sample homework sheets. Clear, reusable homework bags are available from TCOSA. Award pencils for homework completion have been distributed to schools. It is recommended that teachers assign regular homework early in the year.

Tips for Successful Homework Programs:

- Teachers should use homework as a confidence booster.
- Students should only have homework they can complete themselves.
- Use homework as a reinforcement of concepts already taught in class (or as a continuation of work done in class)
- Make homework fun!
- Establish a routine for distributing and collecting homework. (A homework page and checklist for the morning works well.)
- Incorporating incentive programs can help. (Suggestions include stickers, after-school movie club, treat of the week, etc.)
- Always use positive feedback when homework is completed.
- Start small - then increase as year progresses.
- Giving parents strategies will encourage them to get involved in their child's homework program.
- If possible start homework club in evening.
- Providing students with a separate homework book or folder will reduce compounding problems if homework is lost and/or forgotten.
- Discuss with parents the idea of having a homework area set up in the child's room. Consider proper lighting, supplies, table, and distraction-free zone.