

Homework Calendar Grades 1 to 3 October 2018

Homework - 15 minutes per night. Please aim to work with your child 4 times a week. These homework activities can be adjusted to fit your schedule and can be completed on nights that work best for your family. You can challenge or support your child by adjusting the tasks as needed.

Homework Week of October 1 to 5	Reading and Writing	<p>You can read to your child or have your child read a familiar book to you.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read a book from the classroom or school library • Look at grocery flyers together. Have your child write the list of things that you need to buy • Write the date and time of appointments and activities on a family calendar (hard copy or on computer) <p>Dolch Words: (sight words) Learn five new words and practice them throughout the week. Here is a link to the dolch words for pre-primer to Grade 3. http://bit.ly/2yUNZTh Please contact your teacher for guidance as to what words your child is working with. Every child's needs are specific to them. Write each one of your five words on index cards. Add the five-word cards to your word ring. Practice them often to develop rapid recall.</p>
	Math	<p>Play "Go Fish" with a deck of cards. Variations to meet your child's needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making Pairs (Determine the player who has the most and least number of pairs.) • "Making Tens" Go Fish (e.g., "Do you have a 7?" when the player has a 3 in their hand in order to make a sum of 10.) Use a larger sum, as your child gains confidence and skill.
	Special Events	<p>October 1 is National Seniors Day. Think of a senior that you know in your life. This person can be a relative, a babysitter, or a family friend. Think about how this person has helped you. Take some time to make a card, write a letter, or send an email to this senior to tell them why they are special to you.</p>
Homework Week of October 9 to 12	Reading and Writing	<p>Read with or to your child every night. Make a list of things you are thankful for.</p>
	Math	<p>Play a board game as a family such as Trouble, Snakes & Ladders, Candyland, etc. Questions to consider when playing the game:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Does your child instantly recognize the dots on the die/dice or do they count each one? 2. When playing with more than one die, does your child count all the dots? Recognize the value of one die and count on by 1's for the 2nd die? Instantly recognize the dots on the dice and add them?
	Special Events	<p>Traditions and Celebrations. At this time of year there are many different celebrations, such as the Diwali Festival of Lights, Yom Kippur is a Jewish holiday, Fall Harvest Festival is an Indigenous tradition, and Thanksgiving is national holiday in Canada. What celebration/tradition do you take part in? Why is it important to you?</p>

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Homework Week of October 15 to 19	Reading and Writing	Read with or to your child every night.
	Math	Estimation and Counting Skills Estimate how many lamps, doors, tables, windows, pillows, spoons, forks, chairs, etc. you have in your home. Count using tally marks to keep track. What did you have most of? Least of? Reflect on your estimate. Were you close? Think of other things that you could estimate (e.g., toys, food, colours of items in your house).
	Supporting Exceptional Learners	Does your child have a learning disability? Watch this video from the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario with your child. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ONz6TaKlIk Talk about what makes learning easier at school (e.g. additional time, chunked instructions, assistive technology, etc.)
	Special Events	October 15 to 21 is Environmental Waste Reduction Week Did you know that 91% of plastic isn't recycled? We know the 3 R's of reduce, reuse and recycle. Did you know that there are 3 more R's? They are rethink, repair and refuse. Visit https://practicalaction.org/6rs and print off the activity sheet. Play the matching game with as a family to find out more about the 'new' R's.
Homework Week of October 22 to 26	Reading and Writing	Read with or to your child every night. Dolch Words: Learn five words from the Dolch list that best suits your child's needs. Review the same five words all week. Write each one of the five words on index cards. Add the five-word cards to your word ring. Have your child choose a word card and study the word. They then put the card face down and write the word (or use magnetic letters). Then ask your child to check the model and make corrections if necessary. (Contact your child's teacher for the list of appropriate words.)
	Math	Math website to explore: www.gregtangmath.com/games Ten Frame Mania game, Math Limbo or Num Tanga Junior Math Apps to Explore: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ten Frame Mania (free) - by Big Hatch Inc. • Math Seeds - K (free), Grade 1 (\$4.99), Grade 2 (\$4.99) - by Blake eLearning • Ten Frame Fill (free) - by Classroom Focused Software
	Special Events	There is a Winter Clothing Drive in Rainbow Schools. It is important that everyone is warm this winter. People in our community help each other. Some people need help to have warm clothes in the winter time. Design a poster for the clothing drive and share with your class at school.