

Landmark and Homework

Although many activities compete for your child's time and attention after school hours, we want you to know why Homework remains an integral part of our program.

1. Homework provides REINFORCEMENT which is critical to learning. In order for the reinforcement to be positive, Homework should
 - represent a review.
 - be adjusted to an independent level of performance.
 - be pre-tested, screened material.
2. Homework is a valuable, perhaps the most valid, ASSESSMENT tool we have.
 - It's frequent and allows for measurement over time.
 - It's routine, not as stressful, extensive, or intrusive as high-stakes testing.
 - It's individualized.

Effective Homework needs to have **four factors**:

1. purpose for the assignment
2. amount to be assigned
3. expectations for completion; consequences for not completing
4. types and amounts of assistance appropriate

