



scholars to drink water throughout the day. Scholars and faculty members may purchase Paideia branded water bottles to use at school.

- **Hat** – Exposure to the sun’s UV rays and Solar Radiation can cause long term damage to our skin. All are highly encouraged to wear a wide brimmed hat during recess. Hats are not to be worn inside and are to be kept on the scholar’s backpack during class.
- **Sunglasses** – Exposure to the sun’s UV rays can do long-term damage to our eyes. Scholars are encouraged to wear sunglasses that protect at least 99% of the sun’s ultraviolet rays. Rating of UV400 will provide the highest protection. Sunglasses are not permitted to be worn in class. Please provide a case for the glasses to be stored in the scholar’s backpack while not in use.
- **Hoodies, Sweaters, Jackets** – when the temperature reaches above 80 degrees, all scholars are required to remove hoodies, sweaters, and jackets when playing outside.

## Homework - Required

Paideia Liberal Arts Academy scholars are expected to engage in a rigorous academic and intellectual journey. Paideia parents should inspire their scholars to rise-up and become true scholars. Homework at Paideia is “proactively” planned by the teacher using specific and individualized scholar data, is tied to a larger “end in mind” goal and takes a higher importance as a “first things first” priority.

Our homework standard procedures focus on two primary ideas:

1. Scholars have a right to be given homework guidance that will enhance their learning, and
2. Teachers have a responsibility for assigning it.

There are four reasons that teachers should use homework:

1. To increase scholar growth and achievement,
2. To build independence and responsibility,
3. To fulfill the expectations of our parents, and
4. To expand and ease the time constraints of the curriculum.

Paideia Liberal Arts Academy Scholars are expected to engage in rigorous home study to include:

- Coursework requiring academic study outside of the classroom
- Capstone project preparation
- Coached projects – reading, writing, math, science
- Seminar preparation
- Khan Academy Math Learning Path

## 10 Paideia Tips for Organizing for Success:

Developing good organizational skills is a key ingredient for success in school and in life. Although some people by nature are more organized than others, anyone can put routines and systems in place to help a scholar "get it together."

**1. Use a Planner.** Help your scholar get into the habit of keeping a "to-do" list within a planner. Use the planner checklists to post assignments, household chores, and reminders about what materials to bring



to class. Check the planner daily with your scholar. Crossing completed items off the list will create a sense of accomplishment.

**2. Organize Homework assignments.** Before beginning a Homework session, encourage your scholar to number assignments in the order in which they should be done - start with one that's not too long or difficult but avoid saving the longest or hardest assignments for last.

**3. Designate a homework space.** Your scholar should study in the same place every night. This doesn't have to be a bedroom, but it should be a quiet place with few distractions. All school supplies and materials should be nearby. If your young scholar wants to study with you nearby, too, you'll be better able to monitor progress and encourage good study habits.

**4. Set a designated study time.** Your scholar should know that a certain time every day is reserved for studying and doing Homework. The best time is usually not right after school -- most children benefit from time to unwind first. Include your scholar in making this decision. Even if they don't think they have homework, the reserved time should be used to review the day's lessons, read for pleasure, or work on an upcoming project.

**5. Keep organized notebooks.** Help your scholar keep track of papers by organizing them in a binder or notebook. This will help him review the material for each day's classes and to organize the material later to prepare for tests and quizzes. Use dividers to separate class notes, or color-code notebooks. Separate "to do" and "done" folders help organize worksheets, notices, and items to be signed by parents, as well as provide a central place to store completed assignments.

**6. Conduct a weekly clean-up.** Encourage your scholar to sort through book bags and notebooks on a weekly basis. Old tests and papers should be organized and kept in a separate file at home.

**7. Create a household schedule.** Try to establish and stick to a regular dinnertime and a regular bedtime. This will help your scholar fall into a pattern at home. Children with a regular bedtime go to school well rested. Limit screen time such as television watching and computer play to specific periods of time during the day and never within 30 minutes of going to bed. It is highly recommended to limit television time to the weekends.

**8. Keep a master calendar.** Keep a large, wall-sized calendar for the household that lists the family's commitments, schedules for extracurricular activities, days off from school, and major events at home and at school. Note dates when your scholar has big exams or due dates for projects. This will help family members keep track of each other's activities and avoid scheduling conflicts.

**9. Prepare for the day ahead.** Before your scholars go to bed, they should pack schoolwork and books in a book bag. The next day's clothes should be laid out with shoes, socks, and accessories. This will cut down on morning confusion and allow your scholar to prepare quickly for the day ahead.

**10. Provide needed support while your scholar is learning to become more organized.** Help your scholar develop organizational skills by photocopying checklists and schedules and attaching them to the refrigerator. Gently remind her about filling in calendar dates and keeping papers and materials organized. Most important, set a good example.