

- **Hat** – Exposure to the sun’s UV rays and Solar Radiation can do 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

Paideia 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.

Homework should include the following:

1. **ExactPath** – Web-based practice proven to produce significant academic growth outcomes in math and ELA.
 - a. **90 minutes per week**
2. **Math Facts Practice or Math Concept Review** - Parents are encouraged to work with scholars on fact fluency nightly at home. Due to the specialized Singapore methods of solving mathematics, parents are discouraged from assisting scholars on Singapore Concept Review. Singapore Concept Review should never be sent home until the concept is understood by the scholar.
3. **Daily Reading Logs** – parents should spend at least 30 minutes each day reading with and to their children. Teachers may send short reading assignments home for scholars to read and parents to sign off on.
4. **Spelling/Vocabulary/Grammar Practice** – Much of this homework is in the form of classroom writing that needs to be edited for spelling, punctuation, grammar and content.
5. **Literacy-based Projects and Research**- supporting class projects, literary reviews, etc.
6. **Specialist teachers** may also assign homework, family projects, etc. each quarter.

No matter what the purpose or use of the homework it must be beneficial for the learner, and not encroach upon quality family time.

1. **Generalized, mass-produced homework packets should never be used** and are not supported by Paideia Academy. Homework packets that are individualized to the specific needs of the scholar are encouraged.
2. Homework must never be used or viewed as a punitive consequence.
3. Homework assignments should not receive a “grade” but should be reported in the character section of the report card.

Reading Homework

Paideia requires reading each night for all grade levels. Scholars should be reading texts at or above their Lexile level.

Kindergarten – minimum of 30 minutes per night and 1 literary review per quarter

First and Second Grade – minimum of 30 minutes per night and 2 literary reviews per quarter

Third through Fifth Grade – minimum of 45 minutes per night and 2 literary reviews per quarter

Sixth – minimum of 60 minutes per night and 2 literary reviews per quarter

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 child "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 she doesn't have think she has 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 child 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 scholar goes to bed, she 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 child to prepare quickly for the day ahead.

10. Provide needed support while your child 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.

Leave at Home

While at school, your scholar is expected to be highly engaged in intellectual inquiry. Items that might disrupt learning or cause injuries must be left at home. These items include such things as **CELL PHONES**, smart tablets, smart watches, chewing gum, fidget spinners, skates, squirt guns, skateboards, sports balls, electronic pets, yo-yos, toys, electronic games, digital devices, cameras, hand held video game devices, trading cards (Pokémon, etc), and all forms of pocket knives. *These items and other items that become a problem will be taken away by the teacher or principal, locked in the front office and returned only to a parent/guardian.*

Scholar cell phones and other cellular devices to include smart watches are prohibited on Paideia campuses because they are distractions to the learning environment. We understand that some scholars need a cell phone during their journey home at the end of the day. Therefore, cell phones must be turned off and stowed in a backpack upon entering the school grounds. **Cell phones and other personal items that are broken or stolen are not the responsibility of the school.**

Parties and Classroom Celebrations

Classroom birthday celebrations should follow these guidelines: