

## Homework

The Las Lomas Board policy statement regarding homework says:

The Board recognizes that good study skills and diligence in the accomplishment of work assignments are essential to success by students in school. To this end, students will be required to fulfill assignments and may be required to do school work at home. In assigning homework, school personnel shall take into consideration the ability and maturity of the students involved. Homework assignments shall be planned with definite objectives for the students in view.

The Las Lomas Homework Policy reads:

Regularly assigned, drill-type homework for the entire class is discouraged. Assignments to the whole class are of the investigative or recreational type. Homework is usually of six types -- these could be called the six extra R's. They are: re-work assignments, routine drill, remedial work, reading for pleasure and information, individual research and responsibility through recreation assignments.

1. Re-work includes finishing incomplete assignments and revising unacceptable work. This is the first type of homework.
2. Routine drill includes practice of spelling words and arithmetic combinations.
3. Remedial work includes all make-up assignments for reason of absence. It also includes remedial practice on routine drill. Parents may find that students need more direction for this type of homework. The teacher will usually communicate with parents to seek their help with such work.
4. Reading for pleasure and information is one of the important types of enrichment homework. Our excellent library affords a continuous opportunity for self-selected reading by the student.
5. Individual research can be a self-selected or an assigned project. This includes gathering information or materials for sharing, discussions, reports, and for constructing social studies and science projects. Some of these projects will extend over several weeks and at times over several months.
6. Responsibility through recreation assignments are given as "fun activities" for home enjoyment and to develop a sense of responsibility by completing before the due date.

Parents can help by setting aside a quiet time for home study, by providing necessary supplies and a quiet, well-lighted place in which to work. Parents can also help by showing an interest in their child's work and by maintaining an attitude that the completion of schoolwork is important.

It has been generally agreed that homework should be directly related to the work of the classroom, be well defined in advance, and be understood by the students before they leave school. Therefore, the responsibility for homework should rest with the student, and parents should not be placed in the sometimes embarrassing position of having to teach or explain a lesson to their children before the homework can be undertaken. Most importantly, the teacher must follow through on assignments if bad habits are not to be fostered.