

Education Matters – Homework & Assignments

The new School year has started and we all want the year to be productive and fulfilling. As Parents, we don't want the hassle of chasing homework and Assignments. There's nothing worse when students think their Parents are checking up on them all the time. Try to create a regular pattern and incentives for your children.

At Tuition Time, we provide a structured homework program. Weekly Assignments are given that reinforce the previous lesson.

The keys to a good homework environment are:

- Routine - Students do respond to a regular pattern, but it must be interesting and not too repetitive.
- Rhythm - The rhythm of reinforced skills builds confidence and a desire to move to the next level. It is important that homework and assignments are marked regularly with positive comments.
- Reward - the reward is the completion of the task.

We must recognise the improvement however small. At Tuition Time, we give a full-itemised report at the end of each Term.

So don't despair, try to have your children in a system that gives a routine, rhythm and a reward factor.

*“Be like the duck, paddling furiously underneath
but calm and unruffled on the top.”*

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