

Grade School Homework Policy

We value extracurricular activities of our students, especially the opportunity for free play in the after-school hours. Ideally, Waldorf students come home and as a process of working through the day, re-create what they have done at school. This is the truest kind of homework. As the students get older, this transforms into formal work as needed; and then for the whole class.

The following are guidelines for parents and teachers for extra work structure and amounts in Grades 4-7.

Additional Grade School work will serve two purposes. On the one hand it will create a culture of accountability through the deepening of skills already learned at school. On the other hand, it gives students the opportunity to finish work, that was assigned during the lesson but students did not complete. These assignments are not intended for students to learn new concepts. If a student is not able to complete the work, please contact the teacher for support.

Grade 1-3

- No additional work is assigned

Grade 4 and Grade 5

- In these grades there is no mandatory additional work for the whole class. As the academic rigour increases it becomes increasingly clear who needs support.
- Students will be encouraged to re-do things at home but formal assignments are not given. On an individual basis, teachers will collaborate with the parents of a student to support key areas of struggles and assign work as needed.
- In Grade 5 regular practicing of the stringed instrument is expected and considered to be part of our curriculum.

Grade 6

- Skills based practice is assigned regularly, as well as main lesson book completion work as needed.
- Tasks will be structured to not exceed 15 minutes per day. Additional regular practicing of the stringed instrument is expected and considered to be part of our curriculum. No assignments will be given over the weekend.

Grade 7

- Skills based practice is assigned regularly, as well as main lesson book completion work as needed.
- Tasks will be structured to not exceed 20 minutes per day. Additional regular practicing of the stringed instrument is expected and considered to be part of our curriculum. No assignments will be given over the weekend.