

Barnard Homework FAQ's

Q: Is homework assigned to students at Barnard Early Childhood Center?

A: Yes.

Q: What is the homework practice at Barnard?

A: Pre-Kindergarten: None.

Kindergarten: Read or be read to for a minimum of 10-15 minutes each night. Math game or practice handout to reinforce what concept is being taught that day/week.

Grade 1: Read or be read to for a minimum of 20-30 minutes each night. Complete reading log to be handed in on Friday. Possible writing extension of the evening's reading. Teachers send home a weekly newsletter attached to the reading log stating the comprehension strategy focus for the week/unit the children are expected to practice while reading. Math game or practice handout to reinforce what concept is being taught that day/week.

Grade 2: Read or be read to for a minimum of 30 or more minutes each night. Complete reading log to be handed in on Friday. Possible writing extension of the evening's reading. Teachers send home a weekly cover sheet attached to the reading log stating the comprehension strategy focus for the week/unit the children are expected to practice while reading. Math game or practice handout to reinforce what concept is being taught that day/week.

At times throughout the year, teachers may send home a special project to be done and returned to school.

Q: Why is reading the main component of the homework at all grade levels?

A: Research indicates for students in early primary years (k, 1 and 2) reading consistently builds vocabulary, fluency and comprehension.

Q: How can I enhance or support my child's learning at home?

A: There are many interactive websites that enhance concepts and skills through math problem solving games and stories. This is not a substitute for reading and working with your child, but a resource for reinforcement and enhancement. A list can be found in the near future on our website. A few have been listed below:

www.mobymax.com

www.starfall.com

www.ABCYA.com

www.learningplanet.com

www.kidsphonics.com

www.funbrain.com

www.rif.org

www.ixl.com

www.ColorinColorado.com