

## PJA Afterschool Department Homework Support

*(Please read carefully and complete back portion before returning)*

**Homework support** is an important part of the PJA Afterschool day. Monday through Thursday afternoon, our programs provide at least 30 minutes of supervised space and time for children to read quietly and/or work towards completing homework assignments. All PJA Afterschool programs are equipped with the tools needed to support children in their reading and homework completion.

As choice-based programs, whether or not children choose to take advantage of this time is entirely up to them. However, families who wish to make homework a priority can complete a **Homework Contract** with their child.

### **Homework Contract specifies:**

- **What days of the week** the child should be taking advantage of homework
- **How homework time will be used** (e.g. reading only, homework only, both)
- **How much time** the child should spend taking advantage of homework time

### **The Role of Afterschool Staff in the Homework Contract**

Our Afterschool teaching staff will remind children about homework time and support them in finding a comfortable space in the homework time area. Please note: *Staff will not go through a child/youth's backpack to look for their homework.* Children can expect to receive general assistance from our Afterschool teaching staff as well as support in accessing homework-related resources. Due to strict licensing regulations staff are not able to provide one-on-one assistance or tutoring.

### **Homework Incentives**

PJA Afterschool believes that it is important to celebrate and reward each student's homework efforts. For every 30 minutes a child spends reading or working on homework, they will earn a point towards our group incentive program. Once the program has earned enough points, a special party or event will be voted on by all the children. Examples of past parties include: pizza party, popcorn and movie day, spa afternoon, and more!

## PJA Afterschool Department Homework Contract

*(To be completed by both guardian and child)*

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Program: \_\_\_\_\_

### Homework Time Schedule/Duration:

- M** Time spent per day: \_\_\_\_\_
- T** Time spent per day: \_\_\_\_\_
- W** Time spent per day: \_\_\_\_\_
- Th** Time spent per day: \_\_\_\_\_

**If my child says they have no homework, then they should** *(please check one)*:

- Take a day off from the contract
- Engage in quiet reading for the days and times listed above

**Is homework first priority (over quiet reading)** *(circle one)*?

- Yes**
- No**

**To be completed by child and guardian together:**

When I/my child gets stuck in their homework, it usually helps when:

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**By signing below, I agree to:**

- Follow my Homework Contract as it's been written above.
- Follow Homework Time rules and expectations.
- Ask for help from the Afterschool teaching staff when I need it.

**Child's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing below, I acknowledge that:**

- I have read the stipulations of this contract and am aware of its limits

**Guardian's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_