

Elwood School District
Harley Avenue Primary School

Grade One
A Guide to Good Work
Habits



for
Students, Parents & Teachers

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Good Habits

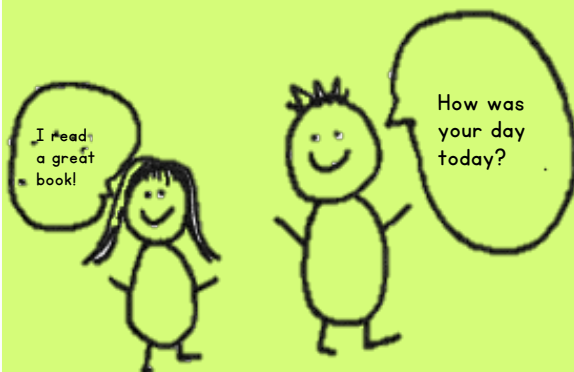
Take out your homework folder. Share it with your parent.



Find a quiet and comfortable spot to do your work.



Talk with your family about the day.



Eat a healthy meal and get a good night's sleep.



Pack your school bag.



Practice at Home - Reading and Writing

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Practice reading
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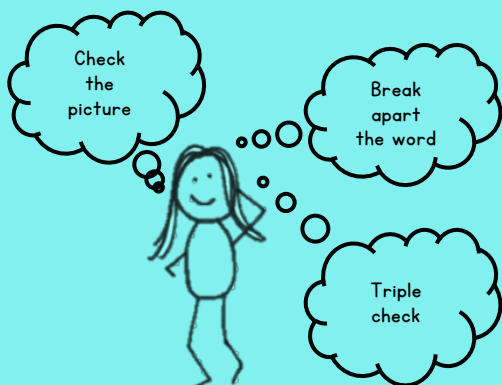
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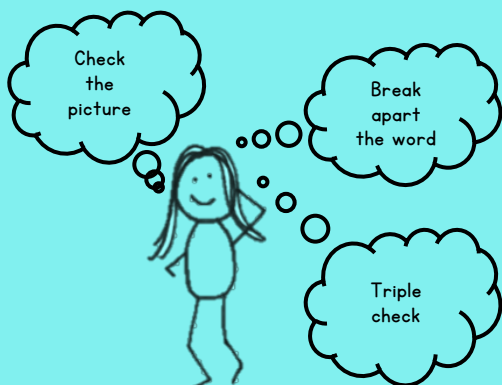
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The Parent's Role in Developing Good Work Habits

Dear Grade One Parents,

As our partners in the educational process, you play an important role in helping your child to develop good work habits and study skills that will help him/her to be successful in school and in life. We encourage you to:

1. establish a time and place for your child to complete their work
2. look through the folder with your child
3. support your child while completing homework
4. notify your child's teacher if he/she is experiencing difficulty in completing the homework
5. use online resources (teacher websites & curriculum guide) and any additional materials provided by the classroom teacher, to support your child

Reading: It is important for your child to read books independently from their take home bag every night. It is also equally important for your child to be read to by an adult to hear a smooth, fluent reader who reads with expression and voice. Here are some suggestions for interacting with your child about their books.

<u>Before reading:</u>	<u>While reading</u> , assist your child with prompts when they are having difficulty:	Talk about the book <u>after reading</u> to check for comprehension:
● Look at the title and cover of the book and talk about what the book will be about ● Encourage your child to use the pictures throughout the book to read ● Remind them to point to the words while reading	● Ask what strategies they have learned at school to solve this (such as super-powers) ● Suggest they stretch out the word ● Look for smaller words within the word ● Ask them what would make sense ● Does it look right? Sound right? Make sense?	● What happened in the book? (first, second, last) ● What was the problem in the book? ● Who were the characters in this book? ● Why do you think the character did that? ● Does this book remind you of anything?

Writing: In order to encourage students' writing growth, we suggest having children write often. They can journal, oral story tell, write a letter, create a list, generate ideas at home, write a story from their life, write a teaching book about a topic they know a lot about, write a poem, etc. (see Harley Avenue website for a variety of writing paper options)	Math: Basic fluency facts will aide tremendously in your child's ability in math. Whether your child is working on number bonds, addition and subtraction facts or skip counting.
Suggestions while your child is writing ● Make sure to have spaces between their words ● Make sure to start all sentences with a capital letter ● Make sure to include a punctuation mark at the end of each sentence ● Make sure all snap words are spelled correctly ● Make sure to use your neatest handwriting ● Make sure to stretch out all parts of unfamiliar words ● Make sure to read back your writing to check that it sounds right, looks right, and makes sense	● Practice and memorize math facts daily using flashcards, websites (Xtra Math, abcyu, etc) ● Play games students learn in class utilizing dice or cards ● Count objects or coins ● Play store to foster imagination and talk around math topics ● Encourage board games that promote educational math topics & strategy

The Teacher's Role in Developing Good Work Habits

Teachers play an important role in helping children to develop good work habits as well as other key skills that are used across content areas. Here are some of the habits teachers will emphasize at Harley Avenue Primary School.

<u>Organization:</u> How to use and properly put away school supplies, how to follow classroom routines, assigning student jobs, following the classroom schedule	<u>Planning:</u> Set goals using a student friendly checklist, using their fingers to keep track of ideas, sketching ideas, partner talk, deciding which strategy to use in math, brainstorming hypotheses in science lab
<u>Note Taking:</u> Use Post-its to keep track of thoughts while reading, use of dry erase boards during whole group lessons, record information during independent work	<u>Research:</u> Use a variety of resources to support writing, read different books across a topic, work in groups to grow big ideas

