

Strategies for Managing Homework

Homework Pegs

At the beginning of the year, each student is given a wooden peg to decorate. All of the pegs are then clipped on to the top of an ice-cream container.

When homework is handed in, students place their work in a designated spot, remove their homework peg and toss it into the ice-cream container. At a glance, the teacher can spot those students who haven't completed homework and follow up accordingly.

Homework Checklist

Use one of the Student Checklists (refer to BLM 12 on page 91) to check compliance as you mark homework.

Weekly Homework Sheet

A weekly homework sheet is prepared each week by the teacher and has all required homework for the week. Students usually have a homework book, into which they glue the sheet. Written work is then completed in the same book. This sheet can take any format, but should only utilise familiar concepts – don't introduce new concepts in this format.

TIP:

Production of the homework book would be a perfect job for the Classroom Helper Board (see page 18).

Communication Book

Refer to BLM 7 on page 86 for an example Communication Book, where homework requirements are recorded. This sheet can be used as a weekly handout to be glued into a homework book, or photocopied and made into a booklet.

Photocopy the sheet onto both sides of an A4 sheet – ensure it is aligned the same way on both sides. Six double-sided copies, placed together, folded in half and stapled will give enough pages for 12 weeks. For a cover, give students an A4 sheet of coloured card, folded in half, to name and decorate. Parents may like to clear contact the cardboard cover.