

2023-2024 Homework

The Honors Academy of Literature recognizes that there are solid arguments to be made both in favor and against homework, and can find research to support both practices. However, in surveying local high schools, all reported that they require students to complete homework, and that homework makes up a portion of the students' grade. A study conducted by Challenge Success from 2018-2020 found that high school students spend on average 2.7 hours per night working on homework. We believe that it is important to build work-at-home stamina among scholars, so that they are best prepared for high school, and have instituted a developmental homework progression plan to support scholars in building this skill set. Our homework policy requires each scholar to complete 10 minutes per grade-level per night (4 nights a week) of homework:

Kinder- does not apply, please see info from your teacher for expectations

1st- 10 minutes per night x 4 nights per week = 40 minutes total per week

2nd 20 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 80 minutes total per week

3rd 30 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 120 minutes total per week

4th 40 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 160 minutes total per week

5th 50 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 200 minutes total per week

6th 60 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 240 minutes total per week

7th 70 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 280 minutes total per week

8th 80 minutes per night 4 nights per week = 320 minutes total per week

We also know that families' schedules are busy! To help you and your scholar better manage the homework expectation, we assign homework weekly on Monday and it is not due until the following Monday. This gives you the whole school week and weekend to fit it in around your family's schedule.

We want to reduce the burden on families and teachers that homework can create as much as possible while still giving scholars the opportunity to build the habits they will need to be successful with homework in high school. I am pleased to tell you that we will be using a website called IXL as our primary resource for homework this year. IXL is a comprehensive learning program offering unlimited math, language arts, science, and social studies practice across thousands of skills—all of which are aligned to the Nevada Academic Content Standards. Your scholar will be accessing this program at home, so you have a chance to see their progress!

To get your child started on your home computer, please follow these easy steps:

1. Go to [academyoflit.org](https://www.academyoflit.org)
2. Navigate to the Helpful Links section of the homepage and select IXL

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Minimester	06/05	09/30
Trimester 1	10/10	12/21
Trimester 2	01/09	03/17
Trimester 3	04/03	06/08

Calendar

School Family Calendar

Today: Tuesday, September 13

Wednesday, September 14

- 3:45pm Robotics Team Meeting

Thursday, September 15

- 8:00am Ocean Club - Library Fish

Friday, September 16

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- Aide Appreciation Day
- 7:00pm Family Movie Night and C

Saturday, September 17

- Chocolate Fundraiser

Sunday, September 18

- Chocolate Fundraiser

Monday, September 19

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- MAP Testing
- 3:30pm Scholar Government
- 3:45pm Basketball Club - Mr. Ber

Tuesday, September 20

- Chocolate Fundraiser
- MAP Testing
- 3:30pm FLL Robotics Meeting 1

Wednesday, September 21

- Chocolate Fundraiser

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Helpful Links

- Altitude
- IXL
- Scholar Policy Manual
- HAL YouTube Channel
- Local Drug Abuse Prevention Resources

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Who is Impacted

Public Health Recommendations

Isolation

Any individuals who tests

Isolate at home for 5 days; and

3. Enter your child's username and password and click "Sign in." (These were given to your child in class. Please Slack or email your child's homeroom teacher if you need assistance.)
4. Once logged in, your scholar should start with the Skills assigned by their teacher

Welcome, Harper Morency!

Learning Assessment Analytics

Math Language arts Science Social studies Recommendations Skill plans Awards

Recommendations

8 skills suggested by your teacher

Here are all the math, language arts, science, and social studies skills recommended just for you, based on what you've been working on recently. Explore the different types of recommendations, and click on any skill you'd like to try!

Square corners
Second grade

Which shape has 1 square corner?

Even or odd
Third grade (78)

Is 402 even or odd?

even odd

Keep at it Last practiced yesterday

Scholars must earn a Smart Score of 70 or higher for the skill to be considered complete.

Learn with an example

Read the story.

Making Tracks

- 1 Stella was spending her first morning of summer vacation in the vegetable garden, pulling weeds. She had plans to hang out with her friends Maya and Jin Soo later. But her dad always told her, "Work first, then fun." She pulled up the last weed and wiped sweat from her eyes.
- 2 As Stella dusted off her hands, she heard her phone chime. That meant Maya and Jin Soo were here to pick her up. *Perfect timing*, she thought. After a morning of hard work, she was ready to relax by the cove with her friends. The cove was a small hidden beach on the shore of a nearby lake.

Based on **paragraph 1**, why is Stella in the vegetable garden?

Gardening is her favorite way to spend summer vacation.

Questions answered
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Time elapsed
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SmartScore out of 100
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If your scholar is struggling with the skill, there are resources to help built in. They can click on the “Learn with an Example” dropdown at the top of the page. If they continue to struggle with the skill, there is a link to foundational resources at the bottom of the page.

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Gardening is her favorite way to spend summer vacation.

Her parents are punishing her for spending too much time with her friends.

She wants the garden to look pretty when her friends arrive.

She has to help out at home before she can spend time with friends.

[Submit](#)

Work it out

Not feeling ready yet? These can help:

[Read realistic fiction with illustrations](#)

[Read fantasy with illustrations](#)

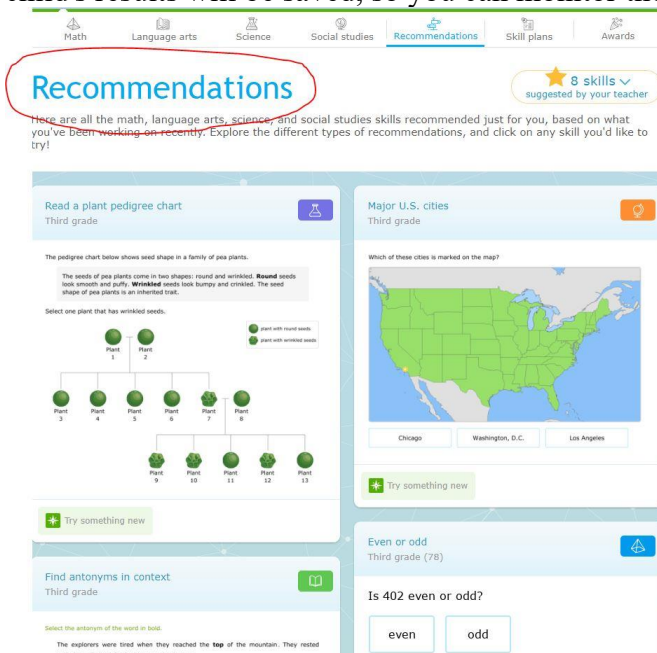
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Time elapsed
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5. Once your scholar has completed the assigned skills, they are free to choose any tasks from the recommendations page. This portion of the program is designed to help your child learn at their own pace. The program is adaptive and will adjust based on your child's demonstrated understanding of the

material. There is no Smart Score with Recommendations that you need to worry about. All of your child's results will be saved, so you can monitor their progress anytime by clicking on Analytics.



For on-the-go practice, you can download IXL's free mobile apps for Apple, Android, or Kindle and sign in with your child's username and password.

I hope you'll encourage your child to use IXL regularly; however, **all of their assigned homework time may not be on IXL**. Your scholar's teacher may have other tasks to complete listed on their weekly homework assignment in Google Classroom. We also always encourage scholars to spend some time reading at home every day, and this time can also count towards homework minutes.

Please note, homework is to be completed outside of school time. If your scholar says that they finished their homework in class, that is great, that means they got some extra class time practice; however, that does not meet the requirement for homework because it does not work to build the stamina they will need for completing homework in high school.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions!