



BELL TOWER LANGUAGE ACADEMY

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HOMWORK POLICY

Homework is a necessary and important part of each student's education. It helps to develop good work habits, teach responsibility; reinforces skills learned at school and allows students to work independently from the group.

Monday to Thursday the students will have homework every day. Parents need to make sure that homework is completed every day and to check for errors.

Please, take the time to review and assist your child with homework every day. As homework is completed please sign and return the following day. If your child was unable to complete the assignment, please notify your teacher and make arrangements with her/him to return the material as soon as possible.

BTLA believes that homework:

- Must be a regular activity every evening
- Is a regular extension of the school program
- Is an age appropriated responsibility that the pupil undertakes independently
- Is a flexible and individual instructional responsibility of the teachers

BTLA believes that the following are reasons for giving homework:

- Homework enables slower pupil additional practice that will allow him/her to continue at the same pace as the rest of the class.
- Homework provides for broadening the horizons or interest of the more able student.
- Memorization and drill, which take too much valuable instructional time in the classroom, can be profitably undertaken at home.
- The proper homework should enable the pupil to develop a degree of self-discipline and self control, and establish effective study habits.
- It can counteract too much dependence on the teacher.

Parents/guardians can help with their child's homework by:

- Providing a suitable place for study – without distractions.
- Giving encouragement and showing interest, but allowing the child to do the work him/herself. Homework covers only material which has been explained and is carefully taught in class. Therefore, the child should be able to work independently.
- Guiding rest, eating, and play habits to allow for suitable homework time.
- Assisting with drill or memorization work when needed.
- Helping other members of the family adjust their activities so that they do not interfere with the homework period.

BTLA regulations regarding homework:

- The assignment is due the following day unless otherwise indicated.
- If for any reason the homework is not completed when due, there must be a written note of excuse form the parent/guardian.
- If workbooks are sent home, **only** given assignments are to be completed.
- Children are not permitted to "work ahead" at home.
- In the event of an absence, the parent/guardian may pick up the child's homework from the school office. Please notify the office between 9:00 am and 9:30 am that you will pick up the homework, and then come by the office after 1:00 pm to pick it up.