



Homework Guidelines for the Primary School at International College Spain

We believe that the purpose of homework is to:

- Reinforce learning done at school
- Strengthen home-school connection
- Encourage independence, organization and time management skills
- Promote a love for reading

The following are general guidelines, which can vary depending on student needs and the units of inquiry. If you have questions about specific routines and tasks that are assigned to your child, the first point of contact will be the teacher who assigned the task.

At ICS, we

- Share our homework assignments and instructions in various ways, depending on your child's grade level. This can be done through the homework diary, kits, email or a subscribed platform.
- Reinforce learning that's been done in school through routines related to language, math and sometimes, the units of inquiry
- Sometimes strengthen the home-school connections through inquiry-based learning engagements
- Promote a love for reading by strongly encouraging students to read every day. Reading material can include mother tongue, guided reading, library, online or Spanish books. It can also be a special time for families to bond.
- Differentiate homework, where relevant
- Sometimes assign a range of tasks to be covered throughout the week because this helps students learn about time management. We strongly encourage students to do these tasks from Monday to Thursday.
- Where relevant, encourage students to do their homework independently without parent help. This will support student learning.
- In Kindergarten, we may sometimes extend links between the home and school by sending home books and learning engagements where very concrete experiences are shared.
- Acknowledge that students across a grade level may have varied times in completing tasks. We suggest these maximum daily times for homework from Monday to Thursday:
 - Infants – 10 minutes
 - Grade 1 – 15 minutes
 - Grade 2 – 25 minutes
 - Grade 3 – 35 minutes
 - Grade 4 and 5 – 45 minutes
- For Spanish, we suggest a maximum of 20 minutes per week for all grade levels.