

My Niece's impressive speech on the topic of homework
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No Homework !!

If school isn't a place for sleeping, then home isn't a place for studying. Homework. Most schools have it - and nobody likes it, here's proof. Raise your hand if you like homework. See? But I honestly question why it's a thing. Homework has its pros and cons. But which outweighs the other?

I know it's hard to believe, but yes, homework has its perks. It can build closer relationships between students and their teacher or parents, teach students time management skills, and help them develop a feeling of responsibility.

To think that you need to do a certain amount of homework each day or if it's possible for you to finish the whole lot on the last night you get to do it. Like right now, I wrote this speech last night instead of actually doing it bit by bit during school hours last week.

Giving work for you to do at home can benefit you greatly, and so far it sounds like a good thing, right? Well, don't make up your mind so fast, as there are strings attached.

It can be very stressful for students as they need time to relax and take their mind off of school as we already spend 6 hours there doing work, but then we have to go home and spend another hour or so doing more. Homework also needs to be done to a certain standard, but after a whole 6 hours of learning by the time we get home our brains are fried, and we aren't able to do homework to what's expected without struggling.

Another con is that it takes up personal time where students may like to do a hobby, or sleep as waking up early to get ready for school is also needed, and a generous amount of students are also involved in after school sports practices or are in a sports team, leaving not much time to finish the tasks the teachers have set.

For example, kids wake up at either around 5 to catch buses, or 6-7 to have enough time to get ready or walk to school. We start school at 8:30am and leave at 3pm. Get ready for after school practice and arrive there at around 4pm, finish practice at 5 or 5:30, then drive home and have dinner. Finish eating at 7pm, after that start doing homework for an hour or 2 then stop at 9pm. After homework, you start getting ready to sleep and go to bed at 10 to 10:30pm.

It's proven that teenagers need at least 9 hours 15 minutes sleep. If you wake up at 5am and have a sports practice you will get 6 and a half hours of sleep, and even if you wake up at 6-7 and don't have a sports practice, you will still get 7-8 and a half hours sleep.

Honestly, it's a hard debate whether homework is needed or not, and at my previous school homework was not given, therefore I personally prefer no homework, but what about you? Do you think homework is necessary?

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