

SCHOOLWORK BOUNDARIES

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Assignments have been a part of the grading system for class standings aside from quizzes, attendance logs, recitation scores, exams, etc. This helps to expand the knowledge and skills of every student in a particular topic. However, it typically takes a significant amount of time to study and analyze the question, read additional references, and finally complete the task. Not to mention that learners mostly take eight or more subjects in a quarter and if they have homework for every one of those classes, they may get very little to no sleep at all.

We all know that creating lesson plans and assessing, checking, and grading our students' exams, assignments, projects, etc. consume a lot of time. Then, we must also be aware that our learners are not different from us, they also have loads of tasks to finish and lessons to study. Therefore, it is necessary for us to give them some consideration when assigning home work for them to do.

The Department of Education has already disseminated a memorandum about giving homework to students in the year 2010. The DepEd Memorandum No. 392 s. 2010's focal point is to give no homework/assignments during weekends to allow students to have quality time with their family and friends and to spend their rest days the way they want to.

Just as we teachers deserve a break after a whole week of teaching, so do our dear students. Weekends should be a day for catching up with family and friends. Let's give

these days the time for them to do or try other passions, such as music, dance, or arts. It may also be a day when they can really rest and get their sleep back.

Making the students focus only on their studies can be stressful for them and it is not good for their mental health. We must still let them enjoy their childhood and create more memorable memories with their family and friends.

Still, there are times when we must give them a task. However, it should, if possible, not be a task that will keep them all day to do, especially if it is a weekend task. We must always bear in our mind that they don't only have one subject to focus on, so as their second parents, let's accompany them in having a very fruitful yet fun student life as well. And as a result, we might see them being more attentive and productive in class if they had a well-spent weekend.

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