

Homework in a Montessori program is considered to focus on the 'process', not the 'product', which is an important cornerstone of our philosophy. Thus, we view the purpose of homework as a process which offers the child an opportunity to develop his or her skills of responsibility and independence. Please help your child create a regular space and time in which they complete their work independently. Two ways in which homework can do this is by encouraging the child to independently remember to complete the homework, as well as to remember to bring his or her folder back and forth to school.

According to our philosophy, homework is not meant as an opportunity to teach academic skills, as children in Montessori classrooms work very hard in school each day. It is interesting that our philosophy on homework is also supported by the current trend of the '21st Century Skills' that we, as educators and parents, are encouraging.

Montessori Work of the Month

Division Work -Montessori Test Tubes (aka Racks and Tubes)

This material is used for both short and long division, with dividends up to the millions and divisors of 1 to 4 digits. This work will lead the child to abstraction of long division.



If you're interested in learning more about this work, please watch the following videos.

1 digit divisor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=izP2dUgTCo4>

2 digit divisor

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Radr5vYSm1o&index=3&list=PLmyVpKGZExVSgc56CeTHBgxCTlgSdv8TC>

Thank you for your support!

UE Team

"The child's conquests of independence are the basic steps in what is called his 'natural development'." - Maria Montessori