



Homework at P.S. 133

Formative Assessment is the process of monitoring student learning in order to provide ongoing feedback to students, identifying student strengths, as well as areas for improvement. At P.S. 133, we believe that homework is the most powerful Formative Assessment tool that teachers and staff can utilize in the classroom, to increase overall student achievement.

Homework plays a major role in helping students make progress, as there is a direct correlation between the way students take ownership over their homework, and their overall academic performance. Homework should be purposeful, meaningful and engaging for students, as it provides opportunities for students to further practice and retain the material learned in class, while providing teachers and staff with the opportunity to utilize the work to drive future instruction.

Homework should prioritize the quality as opposed to the quantity of the assignment, as it also creates a potential structure and routine for families to engage together, strengthening the home-school connection, which builds upon the child's educational experience. Homework should look different across all grades, while providing individual students with the activities and tasks that best meet their needs, to ensure all students are both supported and challenged, so they can each reach their greatest potential.

If students, staff and families work together to prioritize homework, students will have a stronger opportunity to develop a deep, conceptual understanding over the material being taught and learned, resulting in them being able to achieve at their greatest potential.