

Routines and Homework Overview 6C

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Welcome to a new school year.

My name is **David Cunningham**. This is my 29th year of teaching with the Halifax Regional School Board. I have taught Grades 2, 3, 5, 5/6 and 6. If you need to see me regarding your child's school experience, please either write me a note in your child's agenda, call the school (457-7800) and leave a message at my extension (5271248) and request an appointment or e-mail me at:

davidc@staff.ednet.ns.ca (email is a sure thing for contacting me quickly)

You will find a number of useful documents (Homework routines, Curriculum overview, Basic Facts Speed practice sheets, Class schedule, Project outlines) on my professional web site:

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The students and I have been busy establishing some routines that will serve to help us be as productive as possible throughout the school year.

Students should have their agenda with them each day and should bring it home each evening. Students are welcome to note personal items in their agenda as well as school-related items.

Students should endeavour to be on time for school each day as tardiness can be quite disruptive to morning routines.

Students should endeavour to wear clean foot ware in class each day. Changing into a pair of indoor shoes will help keep dust and dirt out of the classroom.

I would like to outline expectations regarding homework. According to Halifax Regional School Board policy, generally speaking, Grade 6's should expect to work about 40-50 minutes per evening, Monday to Thursday, on a variety of homework items. Some examples of regular homework items can include:

Monday - Thursday:

▷ Read in English (15-20 min.). Note unknown words and save them for dictionary work. If we are doing an English novel study in class, there will be assigned reading related to that.

▷ Ongoing math items (Basic Facts, Arithmecodes). Students should work on basic facts ***each evening*** until they are mastered.

▷ Complete any and all incomplete class or homework items. Look ahead to long term items (reports, projects).

▷ Other items which come up in class during the week should be duly noted in the agenda.