## **Homework Policy**



At Discovery Point, our goal is to offer children a well balanced program. While we understand the importance that homework plays in the life of a child, we strive to meet the needs of the whole child. In addition to helping children meet personal academic goals, we recognize our responsibility to give children a chance to socialize, have child centered play, have time outdoors, and have nutritious snacks.

Our schedule reflects current research which shows children concentrate better and produce more work when they have had a chance for a physical break first. Current licensing standards also require children spend time outside daily. Therefore, outdoor time is our first activity after arrival and snack. In addition, as a licensed program, we meet our state's child development requirement to offer, at least, three activity choices during a three hour time frame.

Our philosophy is that children learn and grow through play. We reinforce this by having materials and activity choices that support developmentally appropriate best practices.

While we can't promise accuracy and/or completion by the child choosing to do homework, we do wish to support the homework choice in the following ways:

- A 20-30 minute time frame to work on homework at the same time as other quiet activity choices
- Provide paper, pencils, and basic resource materials such as a thesaurus and dictionary
- Provide a place to work
- Encourage interaction with children completing homework when appropriate