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Dear Parents,

Throughout the Junior School, the best practice of home study assignments has been considered and reviewed. With the support of Ms. Appana, the Junior School Principal, and Gareth Rose, the Junior School Curriculum Coordinator, the J3 team has discussed and studied the appropriate nature and developmental benefits of home study for J3 students.

Current research shows that **daily reading practice** has the greatest impact on student learning in terms of skills and understanding. Therefore every J3 student is expected to read a “Just Right Book” for **20-30 minutes each night**.

In addition, J3 students will receive a home study menu from their homeroom teachers, with a “due date” indicated on the sheet. The menu is organized by curriculum area: mathematics, reading, and unit of inquiry. By the given due date, the children are expected to choose and complete a minimum of 2 activities from each column, **a minimum total of 6 tasks**. Parents and/or caregivers must sign or initial each activity his/her child has completed. Your child should bring the menu in each Monday so the teacher can check in on progress.

You will notice that we have planned a range of different activities, intended to meet the various learning needs and preferences of all our J3 students. The goal is to have your child talk with you about what we are learning in school, as well as to provide engaging, interesting opportunities to reinforce the skills and concepts we are learning in the classroom. We hope that the experience with the menu meets these goals, encourages curiosity accented by creativity, and fosters a love and zest for learning.

Please let us know if you have any questions. The year is already off to a great start; we look forward to continuing along this fabulously fun learning path!

Warmly,
The J3 Teaching Team