

## HOMEWORK HELP

The honeymoon is over and realities are setting in. Here are some homework survival tips from a Heritage veteran and mother of many :)

– **Use Powerschool:** get the app, make it the home screen on your computer, set it up to give you notifications of any changes, or just to remind you that it exists. Teachers are generally great about keeping it up to date. Same goes for Canvas, or Edmodo, or any other technology tool the teachers use for your scholars. Keep a personal database of your scholar’s logins for all technology, including the email addresses of all teachers. (Heritage teachers email: firstinitiallastname@heritageacademyaz.com)

- **At the first sign** of “I don’t understand”, “I can’t logon”, “I didn’t write down”, check in with the teacher (email is best). New scholars especially feel nervous about approaching the teachers, so touch base and clear up any communication gaps (your kid wasn’t listening :) ) etc. Block schedule means only 2 opportunities for your scholar to connect with the teacher each week, if they forget or are nervous about it, a long time might go before they see the teacher again and things can get behind and then overwhelming meltdowns can happen :) Jump in and email the teacher, or have your scholar email them as soon as possible so this doesn’t happen.

- **We LOVE the 4-day** week and the block schedule but it has some traps. I’m sure you’ve heard this one - “But it’s not due until.....! ) It’s true – the block schedule gives you an extra day or possibly the weekend until the homework is due, but there is more of it, and same goes for the subject that IS due the next day. Your scholar isn’t lying about it not being due, but get in the habit of doing homework the night it is assigned if possible - at least get a start on it.

- **FRIDAY IS YOUR FRIEND!!!** Especially when sports or other activities clog up your weeknights, make sure to utilize Friday as a catchup and homework day.

- **MATHLAB is also your friend.** If your scholar has Mathlab encourage them to use it to its maximum. It’s an opportunity to have an hour and a half twice a week to have in-school homework time and help from the teacher or from friends.

- **Very few homework catastrophes are fatal.** Assure your scholar that if the homework backlog gets overwhelming that the teacher is willing to work with them if they are willing to communicate and keep working at it.

Your child’s grades are not a measure of their worth or your love for them, make sure they know that :)

## KEEP CALM AND DO YOUR HOMEWORK

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