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## **Just Say No to Homework**

How much homework is too much?

For one Calgary family, the answer is *any* homework is too much homework. With two children—one in grade five, one in grade seven—the family was spending an “inordinate” amount of time doing what the father, Tom Milley, called busy work.

So they signed an what's known as a differentiated homework plan with their school so that their children won't have to do any more homework.

The reason? The assigned homework was preventing the children from focusing on their weak areas.

The children are graded only on their in-class work and still have after-school work such as studying, but the majority of their homework will focus on improving in their weak areas.

The homework issue isn't new—the debate has been going on for years about the purpose and effectiveness of assigned homework.

The Milley family's homework ban may even create new homework regulations in their area.

How much homework do your children have? What are YOUR thoughts on the issue? Let us know! We'd love to hear from you,