

At Home Learning Timberlea School Council Survey Results

Overview

The Timberlea School Council developed a parent/caregiver survey to better understand the at home learning experience from the first week of January 2021. 47 surveys were completed, 27 in Division 1 and 20 in Division 2. Feedback was also provided to the Council Chair verbally, by text, and through email.

Below is an overview of the information collected. The full survey results are also provided. The Timberlea School Council is very grateful to all the caregivers that took the time to complete the survey. A big thank you also goes to all the teachers and staff that continue to rise to the challenge of teaching in a pandemic.

Themes in comments/emails

Of feedback collected, parents unanimously appreciated the schedules and all the worksheets/workbooks that were sent home for students. Everyone could see the teachers worked hard to prepare as much as possible and it was much better for families as compared to the experience in Spring of 2020.

A major theme in the written feedback was the challenge in asking for teacher help via email, specifically in Division 2. During the lag time waiting for a teacher response, kids were very frustrated and parents found it really difficult to keep students engaged. Parents also experienced frustrations when links to websites to complete assignments did not work.

On a positive note, several parents specifically emailed/messaged to point out the example of the grade three class where the substitute teacher was available online most of the day via google meet. The teacher taught the lesson online, then muted the students and let them work. If a student was having trouble, they just had to raise their hand or log on and could speak to the teacher face to face. This worked extremely well for families. They also really liked how the teacher put the kids in breakout rooms to visit for lunch and breaks. In general, families really liked online instruction.

Some families had difficulties completing assigned projects as they didn't have the appropriate supplies at home. Parents also used comments to emphasize that handouts were helpful and instruction from the teachers directly in google meets worked well.

Under questions about the appropriateness of technology, one parent said the technology was fine, but that some of the sites were just not very user friendly for the students. Other parents expressed concerns with typing abilities. Sometimes it would mean an assignment would take much longer than if the student were to just hand write the work. Perhaps clarity from the teacher on the outcomes of assignments would assist with this problem (ie is the assignment to practise typing, or is the assignment to research and express an idea).

Similarities in Survey Results Across Divisions

Parents felt the workload provided by teachers was reasonable, 74 % of caregivers chose “just right” in both surveys. Overall worksheets were the easiest assignments for families to complete, 76% for Div 1, 56% for Div 2. By far families identified links to additional websites as being the most difficult assignments to complete (55% for Div 1, 69% for Div 2). Only 10% of parents selected always/usually for requiring help from teachers to complete tasks.

Both Div 1 and Div 2 parents selected managing the demands of work and childcare with school as the biggest challenge of at home learning. The favourite part of at home learning for our students was seeing the teacher and classmates via google meets (70% Div 1, 56% Div 2). Both Divisions had flexibility in following the schedule as the second highest pick. This was echoed in other feedback from parents that they really appreciated having a schedule from the teachers for the students to follow, especially from teachers that emphasized that families could change the schedule to work for them.

Differences in Survey Results Across Divisions

60% of Div 1 students required help from a parent Always or Usually. In Div 2, this dropped to 35%. In needing help from a teacher, 77% of Div 1 parents selected Rarely or Never. Interestingly, this number is 50% for Div 2. Parents chose ‘sometimes’ requiring assistance 40% of the time for Div 2, only 15% in Div 1. Understanding/Assisting with assignments was selected 27% of the time for Div 2 parents. Conflicts’ in scheduling was identified by 20% of caregivers as the biggest challenge. Division 1 had several comments around difficulty with STEAM at home.

Division 1: ECDP, K, Grade 1 and Grade 2

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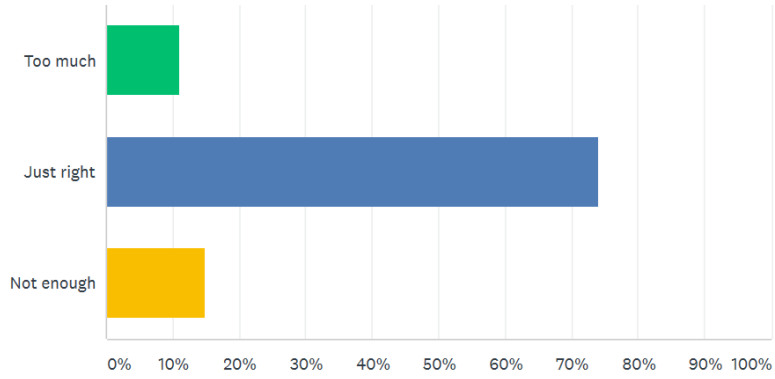


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How was the workload for your child?

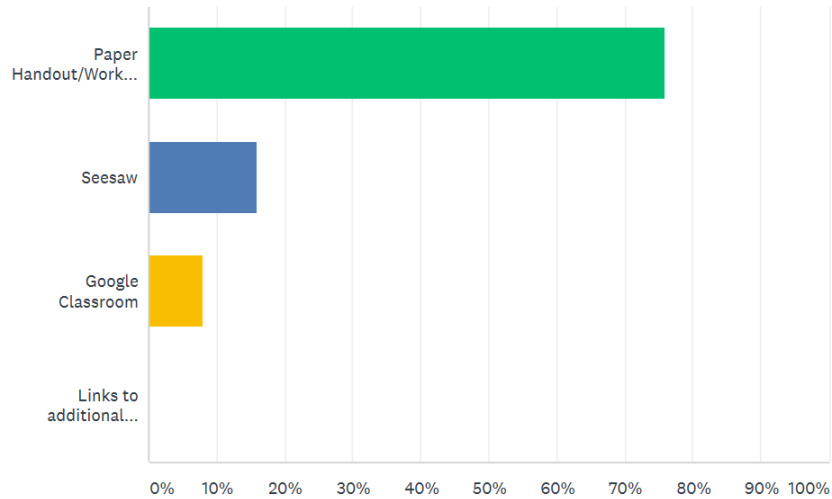
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Too much	11.11% 3
▼ Just right	74.07% 20
▼ Not enough	14.81% 4
TOTAL	27

What type of assignment was easiest for your child to complete?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Paper Handout/Worksheet	76.00% 19
▼ Seesaw	16.00% 4
▼ Google Classroom	8.00% 2
▼ Links to additional websites within Google Classroom or Seesaw	0.00% 0
TOTAL	25

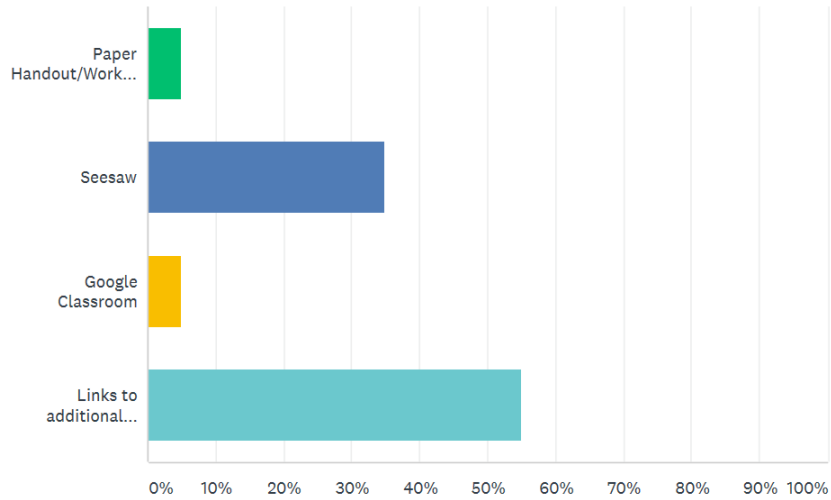
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My child enjoyed both the worksheets and the seesaw activities.
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Math Seeds and Reading Eggs
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What type of assignment was the hardest for your child to complete?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Paper Handout/Worksheet	5.00% 1
▼ Seesaw	35.00% 7
▼ Google Classroom	5.00% 1
▼ Links to additional websites within Google Classroom or Seesaw	55.00% 11
TOTAL	20

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None all the work provided was easy to dictate to my child making it easier for my child to stay focused and complete the work
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Model project
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Build a project from supplies at home
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Project
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None
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All was laid out quite well with no trouble
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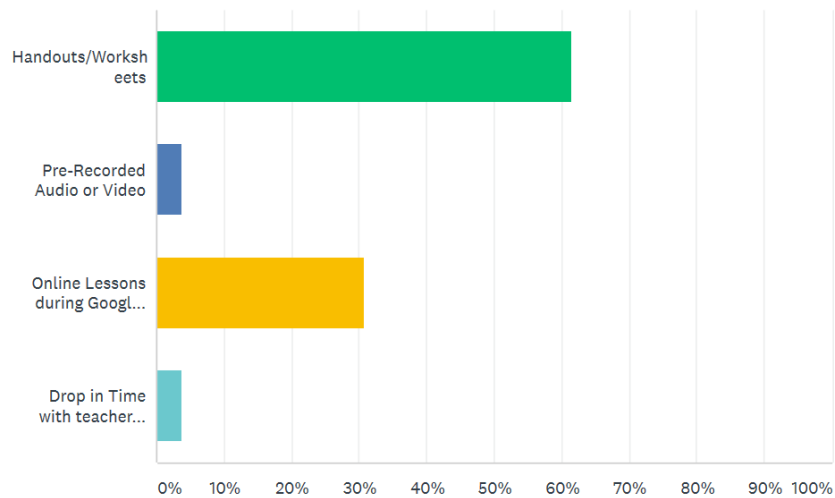
Needed help to use seesaw

Q4

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What type of instruction worked best for your child/family?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Handouts/Worksheets	61.54% 16
▼ Pre-Recorded Audio or Video	3.85% 1
▼ Online Lessons during Google Meet	30.77% 8
▼ Drop in Time with teacher through Google Meet	3.85% 1
TOTAL	26

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I think there was a good balance between worksheets and teacher time that it worked well for my child and our family
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Google meets were great for all to I engage together.
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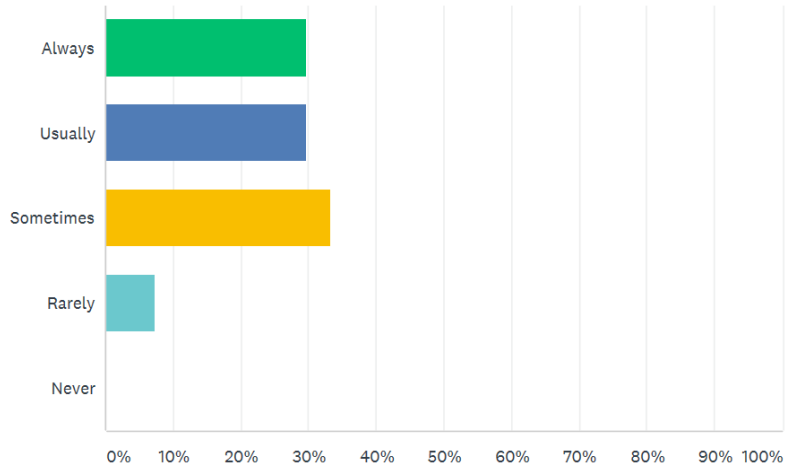
And handouts for grade 2 where good as well
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Handouts / online lessons and drop ins were perfect.
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Worksheets were easiest but my child loved the prerecorded videos
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How often did the student require help from a caregiver to complete tasks?

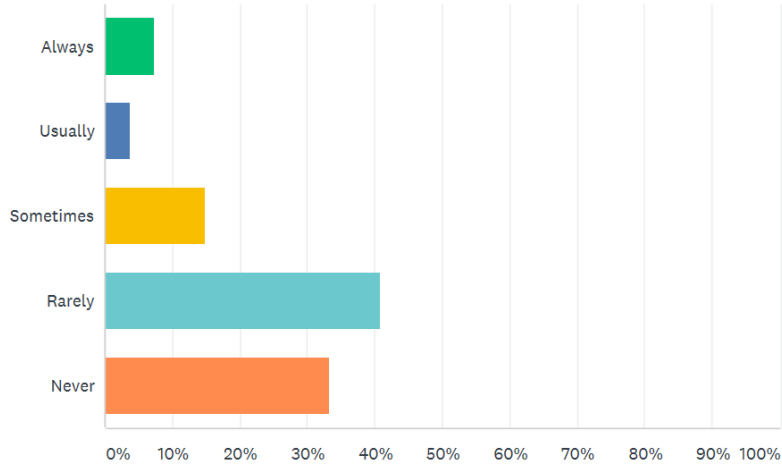
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	29.63% 8
Usually	29.63% 8
Sometimes	33.33% 9
Rarely	7.41% 2
Never	0.00% 0
TOTAL	27

How often did the student/ caregiver require help from the teacher to complete tasks (ie clarification of instructions, help with technical difficulties)?

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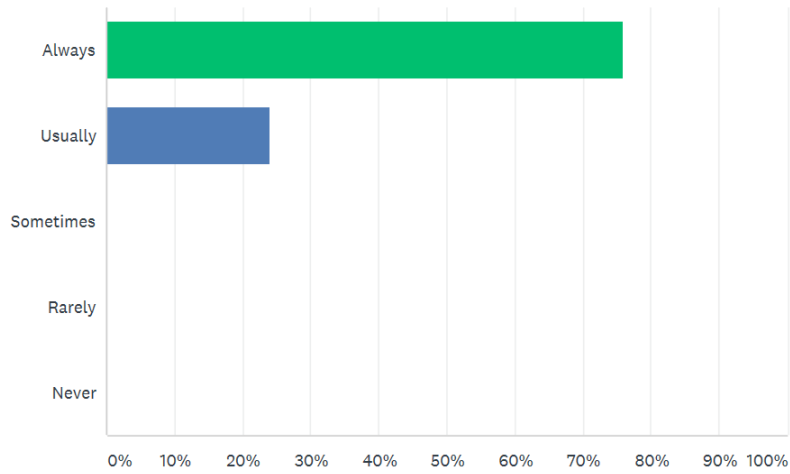


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	7.41% 2
Usually	3.70% 1
Sometimes	14.81% 4
Rarely	40.74% 11
Never	33.33% 9
TOTAL	27

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How often was the teacher available for assistance?

Answered: 25 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	76.00% 19
Usually	24.00% 6
Sometimes	0.00% 0
Rarely	0.00% 0
Never	0.00% 0
TOTAL	25

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We didn't require alot of assistance but any questions we asked were promptly answered by Mrs. Fisher

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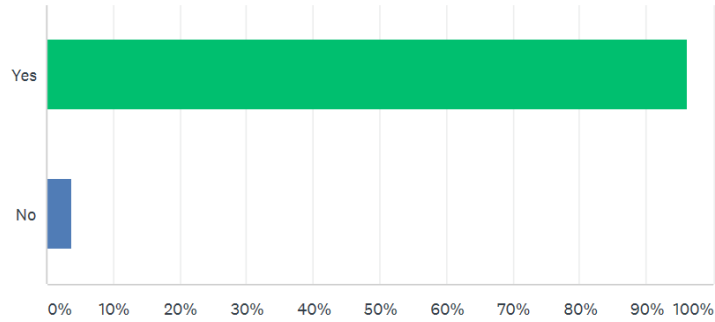


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Was the technology used for your child's learning appropriate for their skill level?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Yes	96.30% 26
▼ No	3.70% 1
TOTAL	27

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Not STEAM

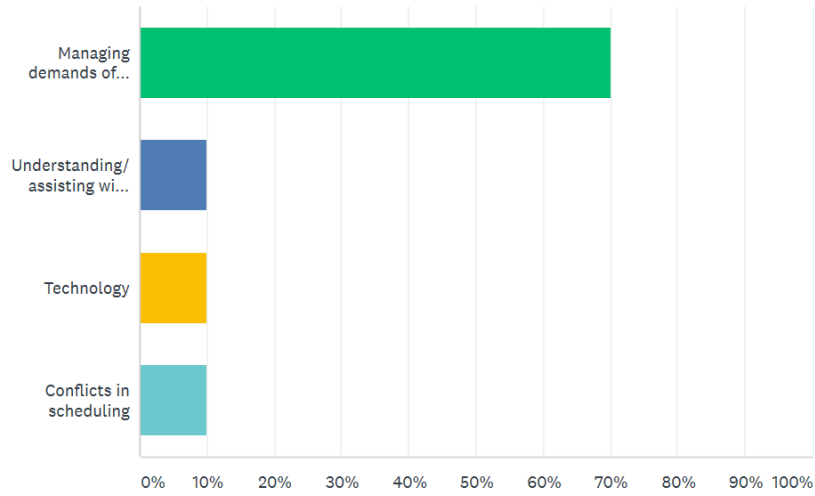
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What was the biggest challenge of at home learning?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 7



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Managing demands of child care/employment with school	70.00% 14
▼ Understanding/ assisting with assignments	10.00% 2
▼ Technology	10.00% 2
▼ Conflicts in scheduling	10.00% 2
TOTAL	20

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His reading comprehension isn't strong enough to be self sufficient to begin his own work. Dragging his family into helping him with his work.

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Child not listening to me.

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I dont feel like we had any challenges

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Technology

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As well as conflicts in scheduling 3 kids in a meet at the same time on different devices was hard

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Managing multiple students and their schedules

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Getting used the fact home is for school and not school. Very close to all their toys and tv.

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None

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Easily Distracted

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Having multiple children at home. It was very busy going back and forth between kids. Sometimes schedules did not match up, or they would both need help at the same time.

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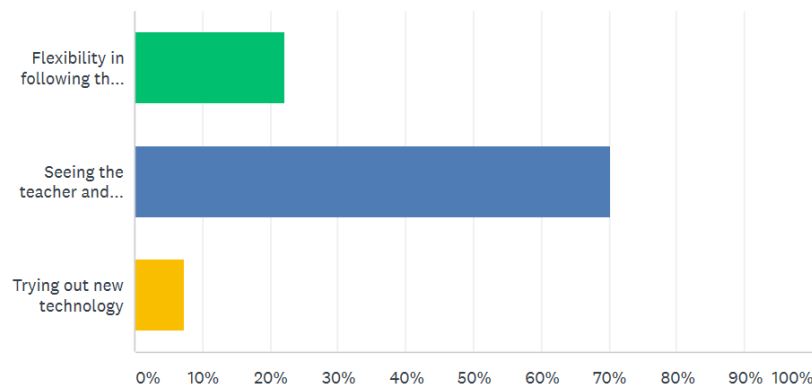


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What did your child enjoy the most about at home learning?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Flexibility in following the schedule throughout the day	22.22% 6
▼ Seeing the teacher and classmates on Google Meet	70.37% 19
▼ Trying out new technology	7.41% 2
TOTAL	27

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I liked having a structured schedule. The teacher had us do certain things at certain times so we could do it together as a class. And then it was good still having structure to do the rest, yet if we wanted to push ahead a little we could. Or we could pace ourselves and not stress out cuz we had the whole week to do a specific assignment

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Division 2: Grade 3,4,5, and 6

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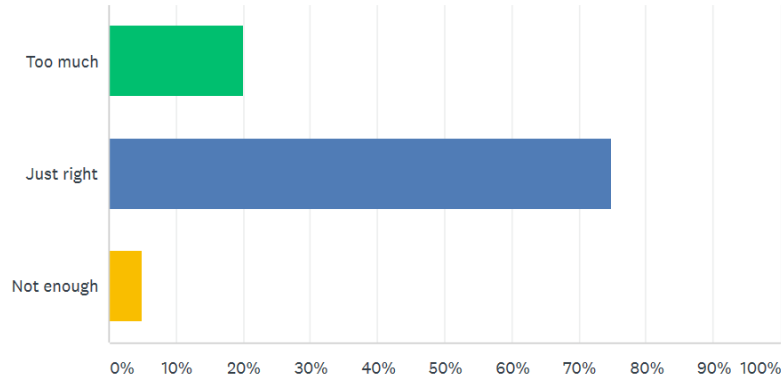


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How was the workload for your child?

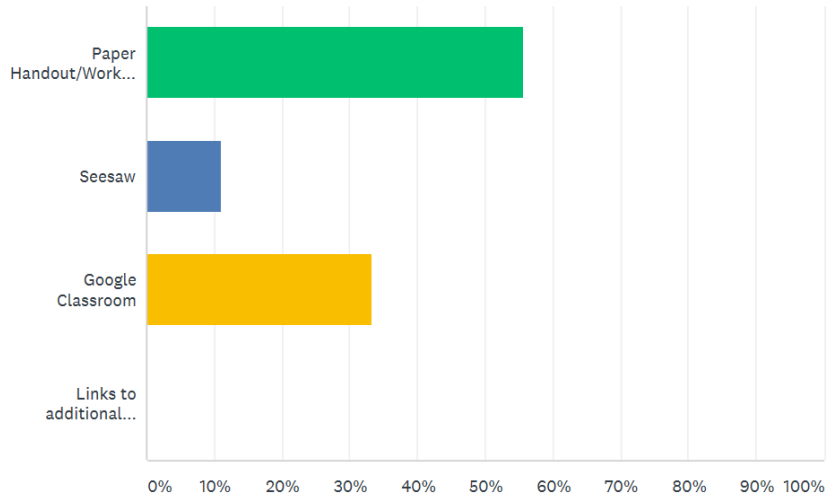
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Too much	20.00% 4
▼ Just right	75.00% 15
▼ Not enough	5.00% 1
TOTAL	20

What type of assignment was easiest for your child to complete?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Paper Handout/Worksheet	55.56% 10
▼ Seesaw	11.11% 2
▼ Google Classroom	33.33% 6
▼ Links to additional websites within Google Classroom or Seesaw	0.00% 0
TOTAL	18

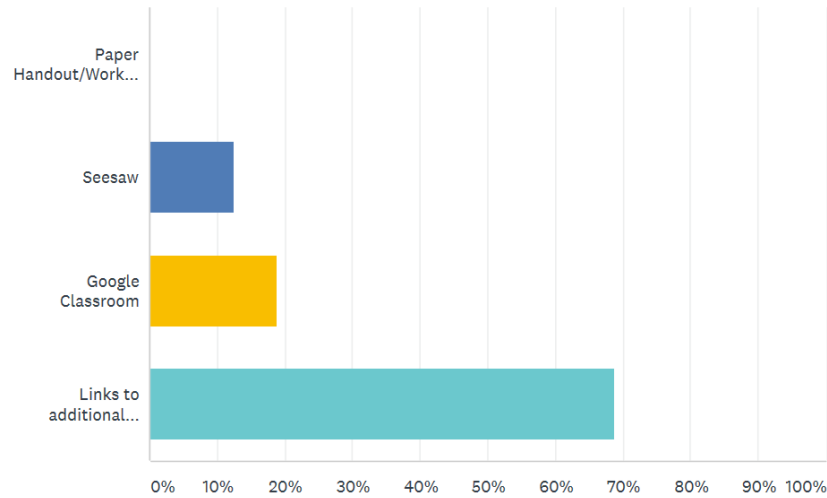
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- Google classroom**
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- Paperwork would have been easier, the links were broken and were difficult to navigate**
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- Paper handouts are still greatly appreciated so we don't have to print a ton of stuff off. Some things just can't be on google classroom**
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What type of assignment was the hardest for your child to complete?


Answered: 16 Skipped: 4





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Paper Handout/Worksheet	0.00% 0
▼ Seesaw	12.50% 2
▼ Google Classroom	18.75% 3
▼ Links to additional websites within Google Classroom or Seesaw	68.75% 11
TOTAL	16

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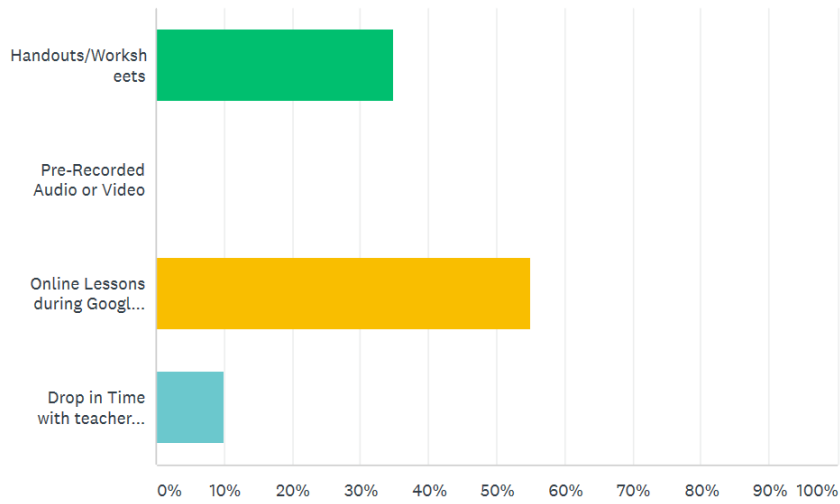
- Did not like the delivery of package**
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- Entering responses on the Friends website was difficult.**
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- Projects. As we don't always have the supplies at home**
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What type of instruction worked best for your child/family?

Answered: 20 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Handouts/Worksheets	35.00% 7
▼ Pre-Recorded Audio or Video	0.00% 0
▼ Online Lessons during Google Meet	55.00% 11
▼ Drop in Time with teacher through Google Meet	10.00% 2
TOTAL	20

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Online lessons during Google meet

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Online but it was only 30 minutes each day

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It would have Ben nice to have more access to the teacher via classroom meets

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Handouts worked great as well. Having teachers available all day is a wonderful option as well. It's too hard to not have them available as work can pile up if they aren't and that will overwhelm the students and parents

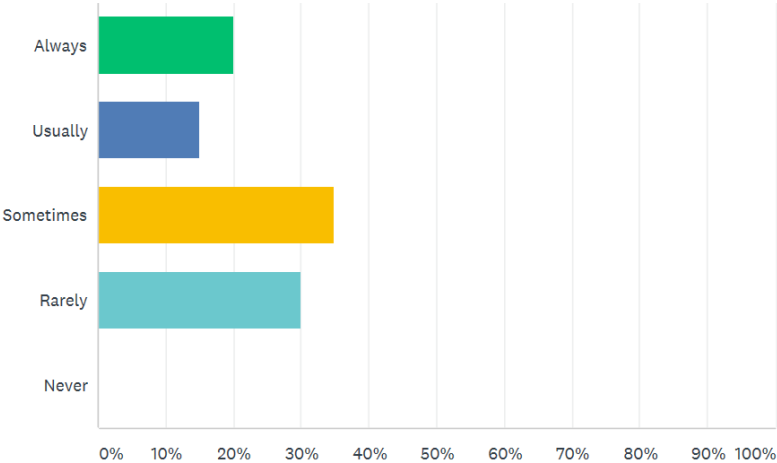
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How often did the student require help from a caregiver to complete tasks?

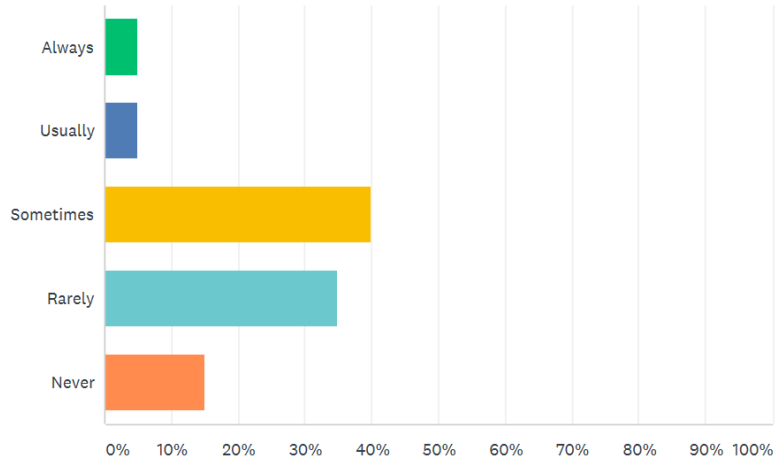
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	20.00% 4
Usually	15.00% 3
Sometimes	35.00% 7
Rarely	30.00% 6
Never	0.00% 0
TOTAL	20

How often did the student/ caregiver require help from the teacher to complete tasks (ie clarification of instructions, help with technical difficulties)?



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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	5.00% 1
Usually	5.00% 1
Sometimes	40.00% 8
Rarely	35.00% 7
Never	15.00% 3
TOTAL	20

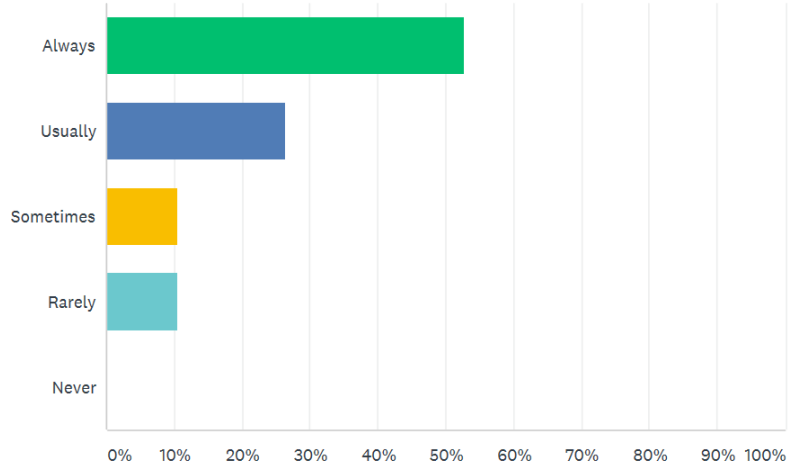
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Q7

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How often was the teacher available for assistance?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Always	52.63% 10
Usually	26.32% 5
Sometimes	10.53% 2
Rarely	10.53% 2
Never	0.00% 0
TOTAL	19

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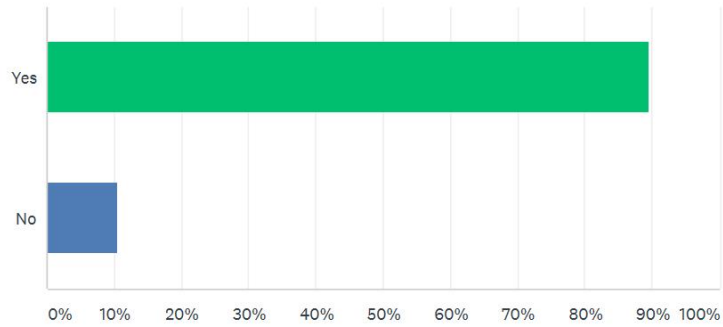
He had to email her to get assistance

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Was the technology used for your child's learning appropriate for their skill level?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	89.47% 17
No	10.53% 2
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Yes and no
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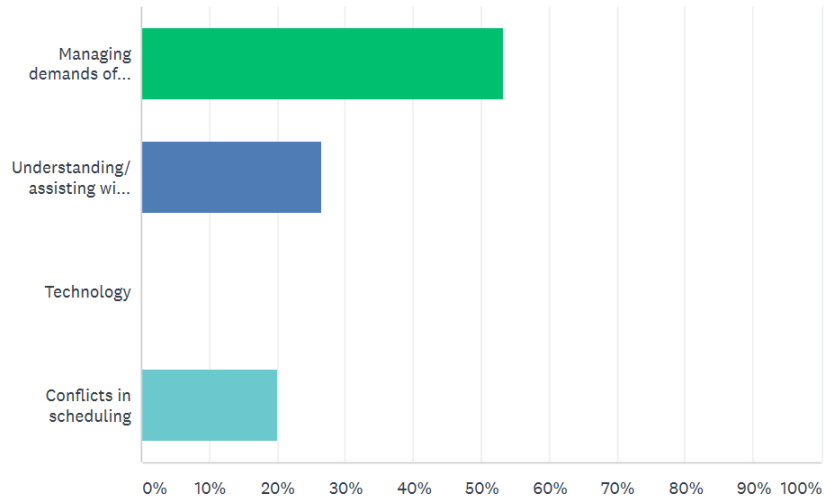
The technology wasn't an issue it was some of the sites that were not user friendly for the age of the student
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Some of the restrictions with typing really hindered us handing in things as by the time we got a good draft or written copy done of an assignment my child was already done with the assignment and not wanting to participate in retyping it into Google platform. We needed up handing in lots of paper copies on Monday as there was no way to upload hand written work into Google
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The more times we had to click something on a computer, the more likely things would go wrong.

What was the biggest challenge of at home learning?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Managing demands of child care/employment with school	53.33% 8
▼ Understanding/ assisting with assignments	26.67% 4
▼ Technology	0.00% 0
▼ Conflicts in scheduling	20.00% 3
TOTAL	15

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I was off of work for that week , it may have been more challenging if I was away at work.

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Overall good experience, significant improvement from spring 2020. Appreciate all subjects being offered but excited they are back in the classroom.

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Technology

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All of the above

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Transitioning my child from home to school. All his toys and tv are here so getting him to focus on school was tough

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Having another child at home. It was very busy going back and forth between them.

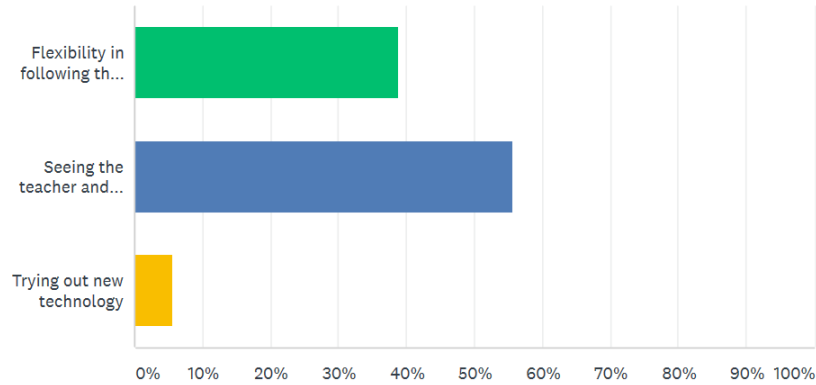
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What did your child enjoy the most about at home learning?

Answered: 18 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Flexibility in following the schedule throughout the day	38.89% 7
Seeing the teacher and classmates on Google Meet	55.56% 10
Trying out new technology	5.56% 1
TOTAL	18

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Child was happy because she was not worried about finishing her work. Not even bother to ask her questions to teacher eventhough she does not know how to do it.
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