

ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS

Activities should be designed to engage both the children and their mentors. Homework Zone kids are in grades 2 to 6, and can number from 10-20 at each school. However, as activities are optional activities, the number of participants fluctuate from school to school. Facilitators can also specify whether they prefer working with a particular age-group.

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN DESIGNING YOUR ACTIVITIES

Come prepared with the materials you will need: The organizers will pay you back for materials-related expenses, as long as you provide in advance a list of the materials you will need and their estimated cost, and give the Coordinator your receipt after the activity. Remember that children will be using these materials, but will have the help of their mentors.

Let us know **what kind of space you will need** to hold your activity, although in general activities take place in either the library or gym, depending on your needs.

Ensure that activities are as participatory and interactive as possible: Have fun with the kids, and offer opportunities for the children and mentors to work together. Give them space to ask you questions.

Know your audience: use child-friendly language, and don't expect to present anything for more than a few minutes.

Take your time. No need to rush through any of this, especially since there is no pressure to finish the activity.

Be open to change! Your activity plans may change in the moment depending on where the kids take it and we believe in creating a safe space for that, especially after the homework help portion. The HZ Coordinators are there to make sure that the time