



Homework Policy

Rational:

Homework learning activities are to be done at home and will help students by completing and reinforcing classroom learning activities and fosters a lifelong learning habit for success. It is also an opportunity for students to be responsible for their own learning.

Guidelines:

Homework is an opportunity to develop a partnership with parents, students, and the school by establishing regular homework patterns from early primary grades to college.

It is important that children take their own responsibility for completing their own work. By completing homework nightly, students will develop, understand, and learn the value of organization and time management. Homework also promotes self discipline, skills in using out of school resources, and personal responsibility for lifelong learning.

Parents and students will be advised of homework expectations at the beginning of the school year. It will be expected that all students complete their homework requirements, per their teacher(s). Failure to complete homework on a regular basis will have follow up done by their students teacher(s). Communication between students, parents, and the school will be vital in the success of your student(s).

Homework may include:

- Reading on a nightly basis for all grades
- Math on a nightly basis for grades 1-6
- Reinforcement activities for acquired skills and knowledge, e.g. spelling words, vocabulary, comprehension
- Gathering of information for projects – projects that could be for inside and/or outside the classroom
- Completing unfinished classroom work

Homework should be:

- Part of the students after school routines
- Meaningful, relevant, and related to what they are working on or have learned already in the classroom
- Returned the next school day – unless another date is noted
- Corrected and returned with follow-up and put in the gradebook. All work not returned will result in a “0” in the gradebook
- Reading Log and/or Response Sheet (assigned 5 days only) will be a graded homework assignment and will not need a parent signature for a grade

KINDERGARTEN Expecations: Homework will be a total of 15 minutes

- Parent will go through Homework Planner/Folder and read all information sent home
- Parent will read to child nightly for 10 minutes
- Parent will interact with child, converse about what happened during the day

1st GRADE Expecations: Homework will be a total of 25 minutes

- Parent will go through Homework Planner/Folder and read all information sent home and converse about what happened during the day
- Parent/Child will read nightly for 15 minutes
- Child will do Math practice nightly for 10 minutes

2nd GRADE Expecations: Homework will be a total of 30 minutes

- Parent will go through Homework Planner/Folder and read all information sent home and converse about what happened during the day

- Child will read nightly for 20 minutes
- Child will do Math practice nightly for 10 minutes

3rd & 4th GRADE Expecations: Homework will be a total of 40 – 50 minutes

- Parent will go through Homework Planner/Folder and read all information sent home and converse about what happened during the day
- Child will read nightly for 30 minutes
- Child will do Math practice nightly for 10 minutes
- Child will work on another Subject area, Project, or Unfinished Classroom work (if needed) for 10 minutes

5th & 6th GRADE Expecations: Homework will be a total of 50 – 60 minutes

- Parent will go through Homework Planner/Folder and read all information sent home and converse about what happened during the day
- Child will read nightly for 30 minutes
- Child will do Math practice nightly for 15 minutes
- Child will work on another Subject area, Project, or Unfinished Classroom work (if needed) for 15 minutes

STUDENT:

- **AIM HIGH** - Show effective effort and attempt challenges with a positive attitude
- **WORK HARD** - Complete all homework as independantly as possible
- **THINK FIRST** - Turn in work daily that you would be proud of and communicate with your teacher if your assignment is unfinished
- **BE FLEXIBLE** - Try to do your best and persevere, even if it is very challenging
- **BE KIND** – Take care of yourself, take breathing breaks, and ask for help from an adult to assist you

PARENT:

- **Create** and establish homework routines (time, place, snack, break) and help student with learning time management/planning for projects in advance
- **Allow** child to work independently as much as possible
- **Communicate** to teacher if child struggled with assignment and needed lots of extra support – by either a note or email
- **Look** at child's planner and know homework assignments and expectations

SCHOOL:

- **Communicate** homework expectations
- **Planner** requirements daily for the student
- **Assign** homework that reinforces and practices on skills already taught in class
- **Modify** homework for individual students on an IEP or 504

ABSENT HOMEWORK:

Students will have 2 days for every day they have been absent to make up the missed work from class and from homework.

VACATION HOMEWORK:

If your child will be missing school for a significant amount of time, PLEASE notify the School Office and the Teacher BEFORE you leave. **Classroom Teachers cannot excuse absences, only Administration can. Please be aware that teachers cannot accommodate requests for class work and homework in advance.** Missed class work and homework will need to be made up upon return of the child. This will then follow the absent homework, as stated above.