

HOMEWORK

Purpose:

Homework is reinforcement for concepts and information taught in the classroom. As with class assignments, homework should be differentiated. Teachers are to make sure that there are accommodations for students who have fine motor and writing difficulties. Homework should not only consist of paper/pencil tasks, but also time for reading and hands-on activities and experience. Homework is one of the many vital learning activities in which students engage toward overall academic success. Its purpose is to:

- Strengthen concept attainment, skill development, and reinforcement;
- Extend opportunities for independent work and/or study;
- Apply concepts initially presented in the classroom;
- Develop initiative, responsibility, self-direction, and organizational skills;
- Provide a sense of satisfaction and achievement and enhance self-confidence and self-esteem.

Time Guidelines

Kindergarten	10 – 15 minutes per night
Grade 1	15 – 20 minutes per night
Grades 2 & 3	30 – 45 minutes per night
Grades 4 & 5	45 – 60 minutes per night

- Homework is assigned on Monday – Thursday. The only weekend or holiday homework should be part of a long term assignment, for which the student has the opportunity to work on during different times.
- These guidelines may include independent reading and/or being read to, and practice of basic math facts which should also occur for at least 15 minutes every night.
- Students who miss regular instruction due to participation in enrichment activities including instrumental music classes in grades 4 & 5, may have to complete class work beyond the allotted homework time.
- If a student has genuinely worked on an assignment for the full allotted time and has not been able to complete the assignment, the student should bring in a note signed by the parent to inform the teacher.
- Conversely, if a student completed the homework quickly, it is a good idea to spend the remaining time reading, writing letters, practicing basic math facts, and/or going over previous class work. This will help to reinforce positive homework habits and helps students from rushing through assignments.

MAKE-UP WORK

Students are allowed to make-up missed assignments once they return to school. Teachers should allow sufficient time for the work to be completed. **Parents please do not call the front office for make-up work, contact your child's teacher.**

HOMEWORK RESPONSIBILITIES

Teacher	Student	Parent
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All assignments are clearly explained in class and written directions are clear and concise. 2. Due dates are given for all assignments. 3. Homework focuses on skill/strategy reinforcement. 4. Assignments are varied and require the use of a number of skills. 5. Homework is checked for completion, but is not graded. 6. Homework will be included as a learning skill on the student's report card except for Kindergarten. 7. In the case of an absence or missed assignment, teachers will provide the materials and assignment with a new due date. Homework is not assigned on designated religious holidays. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students must be aware of and keep track of assignments. 2. Students must ask for help, clarification, or further explanation if needed. 3. Students will organize their time to complete the assignments in the allotted time. 4. Students will work to ensure that their work is neat. 5. The students' work reflects their best effort of quality. 6. Students will take responsibility for being sure that work is turned in to the teacher on time. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor your child's assignments. 2. Provide a quiet study area. 3. Establish a designated time for homework. 4. Make necessary resources (paper, pencils, crayons, rulers, calculators, etc...) available. 5. Encourage your child to complete his or her homework independently as much as possible and assist only as needed. 6. Monitor your child's work for understanding. 7. Communicate individual student needs with the teacher. 8. Arrange with the teacher the collection of assignments during periods of excused absences.