

HOMEWORK POLICIES

KINDERGARTEN HOMEWORK POLICY

Kindergarten teachers will be sending home “homework assignments” each week.

The homework assignments, with your cooperation, will reinforce skills taught in school. Homework assignments are to be completed and returned to school. It would be very helpful if you could provide your child with the following materials at home which may be required to complete assignments: a box of crayons, a pair of scissors, a pencil, a glue stick, and an eraser. Put them in a small box and find a special place at home away from their smaller brothers and sisters.

Remember, parents, we have to work together to ensure that your child successfully completes his/her homework assignments. With that in mind, it generally takes about 20 minutes for the children to complete their homework each day. If it takes your child longer than 20 minutes per day to complete homework assignments, please talk with your child’s teacher. Thank you for your support.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

- Provide a quiet place for your child to do his/her work;
- Review your child’s work with him/her before returning it to school;
- Have your child return all of the completed homework assignments;
- Make sure that your child’s completed work is clean and neat;
- Have your child use a pencil to do the homework;
- Remind your child that he/she needs to return the completed homework by the end of the week.

HOMEWORK POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN 1ST AND 2ND GRADES

Homework is designed in 1st and 2nd grade to help all students achieve greater academic success and it helps students develop effective work habits.

Further, homework is designed to foster student initiative, independence, and responsibility. Most importantly, it reinforces the work students have done in the classroom and it brings the home and school together. The following are questions most commonly asked:

1. How many minutes of nightly or weekly homework should I expect for my student?

First grade: Approximately 15 minutes of homework a night plus additional 20 minutes of reading.

Second grade: Approximately 20 minutes of homework a night plus additional 20 minutes of reading.

2. When is homework most often assigned, and when is it due?

First grade: It is sent out Monday and due on Fridays

Second grade: It is sent out on Fridays or Mondays (depending on the teacher) and returned on Fridays.

3. Is homework graded and feedback provided to students and parents?

First Grade: Homework will be corrected every week but not graded and returned to the students.

Second grade: Homework will be corrected but not graded and given back to students. Parents will receive feedback if students are not completing the homework or doing it incorrectly.

HOMEWORK POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN 3RD, 4TH AND 5TH GRADES

By the time your child reaches 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, he or she should be an “independent learner”. Therefore, our expectations are rather simple.

Students are to complete their homework assignments on time and submit their completed work to the teacher when requested. By doing so, your child will enhance his or her chances of mastering identified grade level standards and fulfilling other grade level expectations.

The intermediate teachers define homework as an assignment to be completed outside the classroom to reinforce instruction and increase understanding and retention.

Homework is a very important part of our school’s instructional program.

Following are the homework guidelines for all students in grades 3, 4 and 5:

- Each student is generally expected to do 10 minutes of homework for each grade level completed, i.e.,
 - o Grade 3 times 10 minutes equals 30 minutes of homework per night
 - o Grade 4 times 10 minutes equals 40 minutes of homework per night
 - o Grade 5 times 10 minutes equals 50 minutes of homework per night
- Homework is generally assigned Monday-Thursday. However, some of the teams assign homework Monday-Friday. During Back To School Night, your child’s teacher will let you know the specific nights homework is assigned.
- If your child is absent from school, missed homework assignments are due the day after his or her first full day back at school. Failure to submit a missed homework assignment will result in the student attending the after-school homework center.

If you have any questions regarding homework or homework assignments, please contact your child’s teacher. He or she will be happy to help you.