

Homework

ABOUT HOMEWORK

During class we will work intensively on reading fluency and comprehension, writing, and math strategies that will improve student skills and most work will be completed in school. However, students will need to continue these skills beyond the time allotted for class. Students will be given nightly assignments. Each assignment will be chosen based upon skills practiced in class or preparation for new skills. Each skill is important as it has been chosen specifically to help your child.

WHAT WILL BE SENT HOME

- A yellow homework folder
 - “KEEP HOME”: Please check daily for important papers such as graded homework, classwork and notices
 - “RETURN TO SCHOOL”: Your child’s daily homework and tests
 - BACK OF FOLDER: Your child’s weekly agenda

HOMEWORK POLICY

- All students are expected to read an independent book daily. Ideally, students should read until they reach a logical stopping point; but a general guideline is:
 - Grade 1: 15 minutes
 - Grade 2: 20 minutes
 - Grades 3-5: 30 minutes
- Assignments are due at the beginning of the day.

- Parents should review homework to ensure that it has been completed and your child puts forth his or her best effort. Parents are not expected to correct mistakes. Assignments are an assessment tool to help me see the areas in which your child needs more support. If you helped your child with an assignment that he or she found difficult, please let me know by leaving a note on the page.
- The assignment and due date may be changed at the teacher's discretion and also to accommodate holidays. Parents, please email me if you have any holidays or family vacations I may not know about so I can modify or waive homework as necessary.
- Students who miss assignments will have a chance to make the assignments up in a given amount of time. This policy is flexible with regard to different situations.
- Students who complete all of their homework on time and make an effort each month, will be rewarded. Those students who begin to forget assignments will receive missing homework notices and phone calls home.

GRADING

Each homework assignment will be collected and reviewed individually with each student. It is important that each student attempt the assignment. This will be a regular and significant part of each student's grade and will be reflected on the report card. Homework will be graded as a check plus, check, or check minus.

PARENT-TEACHER COMMUNICATION

- Email or phone call as needed