

Steeplechase Elementary Homework Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of homework at Steeplechase Elementary School is to:

- Provide students with an opportunity to independently practice and reinforce skills learned previously during an academic unit.
- Provide the opportunity for students to develop time-management skills.
- Provide the opportunity for developing self-reliance and responsibility skills.

GUIDELINES

- Assigned homework will be reviewed by the teacher prior to being sent home from school.
- Homework will be assigned on a weekly basis (exceptions include holiday weeks, short weeks, homework completed during the school day, and as determined by the curriculum).
- The time spent on homework for any grade level should not exceed 30 minutes daily.
- Homework will consist of reading (such as sight word practice, fluency passage, and/or comprehension questions) and math (such as fluency, facts, and/or number sense).
- Teachers may differentiate homework assignments for specific students at their discretion.
- Completed homework will be consistently reviewed by the teacher or in class, but will not be used as a grade.
- Teachers may offer a reward to students who complete their homework on time (such as a positive dojo point).
- Thanksgiving Break, Winter Break, Spring Break, and the State Testing Window will be designated as “family time” in which no homework will be assigned.
- Homework will not be utilized as a punishment.
- Make-up work (due to student absence) is not considered “homework” and does not fall under this policy.

POLICY EVALUATION

We will evaluate the effectiveness of this policy through our school improvement planning process.

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