



Farnham School Homework Guidelines



In accordance with the Cambrian School District Board Policy [6154](#) and Procedure [6154](#), Farnham School has developed guidelines for a school wide homework policy in order to clarify general expectations for students, parents, and teachers. Each teacher will develop a classroom homework policy based on the following guidelines in the fall.

Homework is an important part of each child's educational program. It provides a means of teaching necessary skills of study habits and encourages students to share classroom experiences with parents. Other reasons for homework:

- To build interest in reading and learning.
- To increase learning.
- To establish self-discipline and independent study skills.
- To encourage parent awareness of student learning.
- To make up work due to an absence.
- To provide an opportunity to pursue special interest of ability areas.
- To complete work started in class.
- To expand and/or enrich regular class work.

The following time chart suggests a **maximum** amount of time children should spend on homework daily, Monday-Thursday. These times do not include a recommended minimum of 20 minutes reading daily.

<u>Kindergarten:</u>	10-15 minutes
<u>Grades 1-3:</u>	15-30 minutes
<u>Grades 4-5:</u>	40-60 minutes

For Students

It is important to develop good study habits at school and at home.

- Be sure you understand the assignment, and ask your teacher if you need help understanding the assignment.
- Set aside a regular time to do homework.
- Study in a quiet place.
- Complete your work and hand it in when it is due.
- Do your best on each assignment.

For Parents

Parents can support a child's interest in lifelong learning by providing an environment at home in which homework is a high priority:

- Provide a quiet, well-lighted place for the student to do homework.
- Help the student budget time so that a regular schedule for study is set up. Take an active interest in what the student is doing at school. Ask for an explanation of a particular assignment. Make constructive suggestions, but avoid severe criticism and undue pressure. A positive attitude by parents will encourage the student to do the best work possible.
- Encourage and guide your child with assigned homework. Under no circumstances should you actually do the work for your child.
- Regular school attendance is important for your child's continued academic growth.

- Consult your child's teacher as soon as problems arise. *If your child is consistently spending more time than the above recommended guidelines, please notify your child's teacher.*
- Let your child take full responsibility for doing his/her homework and getting it to school on time, including accepting the consequences of not getting it to school on time. Don't bail your child out!

EXAMPLES of what you may expect for homework by grade level

Transitional Kindergarten

- Periodic optional review activities
- Nightly reading (parent reads aloud)

Kindergarten

- Math
- Nightly reading (parent reads or student reads aloud)
- Sight word practice

First Grade

- Nightly reading
- Math - 10 minutes of review work per day
- Sight word practice

Second Grade

- Nightly Reading
- Spelling activities
- Language art activities including journal writing
- Daily math – 10 min review activities
- Special Projects such as Biography Report and Heritage Report

Third Grade

- Nightly reading
- Daily math
- Daily spelling
- Periodic writing assignments
- Special projects such as Wax Museum Project and book report

Fourth Grade

- Nightly reading
- No spelling HW, just expectation that student is prepared for spelling test each week
- Reading Fluency Practice
- Math nightly
- Special Projects such as book projects, California Mission Project, My CA, Suitcase Project, Science Fair Project

Fifth Grade

- Language arts, math
- Science Fair Project