

## **HOMEWORK**

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Homework is an opportunity to extend learning beyond the regular classroom and encourage development of good study and work habits. Homework may be assigned for the following purposes:

- To give additional practice in order to strengthen basic skills
- To enable students to acquire a deeper and broader understanding of the subject matter
- To develop independent work habits and individual responsibilities
- To encourage the use of an individual's creative ability
- To allow students to pursue special interests
- To make up work for class absence
- To develop and encourage a consistent homework schedule

*Parents can help in these ways:*

1. Arrange a regular time and a quiet place for study.
2. Show an interest in the work children bring home from school.
3. Check to see that homework is completed and that books are returned to school each day.
4. Use the Homework Hotline and assignment notebook to stay on top of assignments.
5. Communicate with teachers on questions, concerns, or specific issues relating to your child.

### **Grade Level Homework Guidelines:**

Kindergarten: Homework is periodically given for reinforcement of reading and math skills learned during the week. It averages 10-15 minutes/day.

1st-2nd: Homework is regularly given for reading, math and spelling practice. It averages 20-30 minutes/day with a 30 minute maximum.

3rd-4th-5th: Homework is regularly given for all subjects. It averages 30-45 minutes/day with a focus on practice in math, spelling, independent reading, and the completion of long range projects.

6th-7th-8th: Homework is regularly given for all subjects. It averages 60-90 minutes/day. To be successful, long range projects will require regular homework sessions to make positive progress toward completion.

*\*Please note: The amount of time needed for homework is dependent on the student's use of class time, study hall time, the child's ability, and his/her daily attendance.*

### **Homework Requests:**

If homework or assignments are requested for a student who is absent, the teacher will compile the assignment(s) in as timely a fashion as possible. If homework is requested for a vacation, please request the District's "Vacation Homework Information."

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