

Responsibilities for Daily Homework Assignments –Grades 3-5

The Teacher will:

- Ensure that homework is appropriate with consideration to student skills within the class
- Explain assignments thoroughly
- Communicate to students how the homework will be evaluated
- Post assignments in the classroom for students to record in agenda books
- Homework will not be assigned holidays

The Student will:

- Obtain assignments daily and maintain a assignment notebook
- Be responsible for bringing home materials
- Set aside time after school each day to work on assignments
- Put full effort into assignments
- Ask questions to ensure understanding of assignments
- Be responsible for bringing all work to school on time

The Parent will:

- Set aside consistent time and place after school each day (Monday-Thursday) for the child to work on homework assignments
- Check assignment notebooks and email each night
- Stop your child from completing an assignment and contact the teacher if the child is spending excessive time on homework is is genuinely frustrated

Responsibilities for Long-Term Assignments

The Teacher will:

- Provide assignment guidelines in written form
- Include appropriate timelines for checkpoints and completion
- Provide students with opportunities to share their products
- Include an evaluation rubric

The Student will:

- Read and understand assignment guidelines
- Follow teacher's checkpoints and timelines
- Seek advice/help well in advance of due date
- Turn assignments in on time
- Work as independently as possible
- Use parents as helpers
- Prepare for the presentation

The Parent will:

- Help generate ideas
 - Encourage your child to meet deadlines
 - Support, encourage and assist where needed, but avoid over involvement
 - Ask leading questions rather than supply answers
 - Encourage your child to complete assignments independently
- Parent and teacher may reach a joint decisions to modify homework as needed



Bannockburn Elementary School

Homework Policy Grade 3, 4, 5

Teachers, Students and Parents Working Together

*In accordance with MCPS County Guidelines

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We believe that...

- homework is an important part of a student's overall instructional program and is the responsibility of students, teachers, and parents together to ensure its successful completion.
- homework is designed to reinforce what students have already learned, prepare them for upcoming (or complex or difficult) lessons, extend what they know by having them apply it to new situations, or to integrate their abilities by applying many different skills to a single task. Homework also provides an opportunity for parents to participate in their children's education.
- homework teaches organization and time management.

Homework is reported as a learning skill on the report card when students are practicing a concept. Homework may be graded if the assignment is being used as evidence of student learning. In this case, the teacher will inform the students that the assignment is being used to assess their achievement.

In addition to regularly assigned tasks, every child is encouraged to read each day. In the absence of a specific assignment, math and reading games are excellent activities.

Daily (Monday through Thursday) and long-term assignments will be written in student assignment notebooks.

Timeframes

Grade 3 40 minutes each night.
Grade 4 50 minutes each night
Grade 5 60 minutes each night

Timelines given are guidelines and should not be viewed as rigid limits.

In case of an excused absence...
Assignments will be sent home if arrangements are made with the teacher.

In addition, the student is responsible for talking to the teacher about what s/he missed.

The teacher will provide any needed assistance and the student will be given ample time to make up the work. The student may also contact a classmate for assignments if s/he wishes.

Parents should contact the teacher if a student will be absent from school for a period of three or more days. Assignments to be completed will be discussed between parent and teacher.

In case of an unexcused absence...

Specific assignments will not be given in advance. Making up assignments is at the discretion of the teacher based on the possible effect on the student's academic progress. The student is expected to talk with the teacher about what they missed.