

Responsibilities for Daily Homework Assignments -Grades K-2

The Teacher will:

- Ensure that homework is appropriate with consideration to student skills within the class
- Explain assignments thoroughly
- Communicate to students and parents how the homework will be evaluated
- Assure that homework will not be assigned on religious holidays and PTA family nights

The Student will:

- Obtain assignments
- Be responsible for bringing home all needed materials
- Set aside time after school each day (Monday-Thursday) to work on homework assignments
- Put full effort into homework assignments
- Ask questions to ensure understanding of the assignments
- Be responsible for bringing all homework back to school on time
- Do assignments at home as independently as possible

The Parent will:

- Set aside consistent time and place after school each day (Monday-Thursday) for the child to work on homework assignments
- Provide a proper setting and atmosphere for the child to successfully complete assignments
- Ensure that homework is completed each night, allowing your child to work as independently as possible. However, stop your child from completing an assignment and contact the teacher if your child is frequently spending excessive time on homework or 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 and encouragers
- 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 students to complete Assignments independently

*Parents and teacher may reach a joint decision to modify assignments as needed



Bannockburn Elementary School Homework Policy

Grade K, 1, 2

Teachers, Students
and Parents Working
Together

In accordance with MCPS County Guidelines

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We believe that...

- Homework is beneficial and important part of a student's overall instructional program and is the responsibility of students, teachers, and parents together to ensure its successful completion.
- The objectives of homework in the primary grades are to promote work study skills, self-discipline and organizational skills; to reinforce learning; and to communicate to parents what is being taught in the classroom.

Homework will be assigned regularly, especially in language arts/reading and mathematics, and is to be directly related to the objectives of the curriculum at each grade level. The emphasis is placed on the quality of the assignment rather than the quantity or length of the task.

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 teachers will inform the students that the assignment is being used to assess their achievement.

Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday evenings.

Timeframes

These are guidelines and should not be viewed as rigid limits.

- Grade K -15 minutes of focused, on task time each night
- Grade 1 20-30 minutes of focused, on task time each night
- Grade 2 30-35 minutes of focused, on task time each night

These guidelines include assigned homework and nightly reading.

In case of an excused absence...

Assignments will be sent home if arrangements are made with the teacher. The student will be given ample time to complete the homework, and the teacher will provide any needed assistance.

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

In case of an unexcused absence...

If the student is absent for any unexcused reason (this includes being away on vacation), assignments will not be given in advance. Making up homework assignments is at the discretion of the teacher.