

5th Grade Homework Policy Wyngate Elementary School

In the fifth grade, the homework policy mirrors the Montgomery County Public School guidelines by providing students with learning activities for the purposes of:

1. Extending learning and/or providing practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom
2. Providing opportunities for independent work
3. Strengthening concept and skill development
4. Providing opportunities for enrichment

If in-class time is used wisely, your child should not be spending an unreasonable amount of time on homework. If your child is spending more than one hour and 15 minutes (including 20 minutes of self-selected, independent reading), please feel free to contact your child's teacher for guidance.

We believe that children should be responsible for their work and actions. Learning skills are important to develop, especially at this time in a student's educational program. Time awareness is one of the fifth grade objectives. To facilitate this objective, the following homework policy will be in effect for all fifth graders.

Due Date: The date students are expected to submit an assignment. If an assignment is late (not handed in by the due date), the assignment will drop one letter grade. For example, a paper that would have earned a B will now receive a C.

Deadline: The last date the teachers will accept an assignment. For all assignments that will be graded, the deadline is exactly one week after the due date. For example, if an assignment's due date is a Monday, the deadline will be the following Monday. Therefore, any assignment turned in after the deadline will receive the lowest grade possible. For example, a child will receive an E on an A-B-C-D-E scale.

Homework: All homework assignments will provide practice on the objective being taught. Students need to complete the assignments to reinforce skills and concepts taught in the classroom. Unless indicated, homework will not be used as part of the report card grade.

Students absent on the day of class are expected to get any assignments from another student or the teacher. The number of days a student has to make-up work due to absences correlates to the number of days absent. For example, if a student is absent two days, he/she will have two days to make work up. It is the student's responsibility to turn in any missed assignments. We, as teachers, can provide guidance for a child to coordinate in-school and out-of-school activities, but this requires your assistance in helping your child to follow through at home.

Students, teachers, and parents can work as a team to make homework a positive and worthwhile learning experience that will make students successful in their educational career.