

Homework Policy



Overview

Homework is a way to keep parents updated on what is happening in the classroom. Homework assignments will relate directly to instructional objectives and account for individual differences among students.

Procedures

- Instruction will always be given in class before homework is assigned.
- Homework will not be assigned on designated religious holidays or weekends.
- An emphasis should be placed on quality over quantity.
 - Be thoughtful about what is being sent home. Students should be able to complete assignments independently.
- Time
 - K to 2: 10 to 20 minutes plus 10 to 15 minutes independent reading
 - 3 to 5: 20 to 30 minutes plus 10 to 15 minutes independent reading
- If students work the allotted time, they are not penalized for incomplete work (recess, etc.).
- Homework is not graded.
- Projects should fall within set guidelines for time.
- Parents can extend homework as they see fit.

Student Absences

- Students will be responsible for getting and making up missed assignments.
- If a student is absent for 2 or more days, requests for homework can be made to the school prior to 11:00 a.m. on the second day of absence and will be available for pick up after 3:25 p.m. that day.
- In the event that there is a long-term student absence due to a family trip, students should accomplish a log of their activities or take responsibility for reading and turn in their work into the classroom teacher. Teachers WILL NOT assume responsibility for homework due nor send the daily assignments that would be missed because of family trips during the school year. The State of Maryland has compulsory attendance laws and we are not to condone unexcused absences violating these laws by sending homework with children on vacation.