

Homework Policy

At Bethesda Elementary School, we believe that homework assignments should serve one or more of the following purposes:

- ↪ To reinforce and enrich school learning experiences
- ↪ To teach students to follow directions and to organize time and materials
- ↪ To help students to accept responsibility and to develop self-reliance for assigned work
- ↪ To enable parents to stay informed about their child's progress and about the school's instructional program

Parents should expect **daily homework Monday through Thursday**. At times, there will be long term projects that may require the student to work on them over the weekend.

Students are responsible for:

- ↪ Writing down homework assignments in their Student Planner.
- ↪ Making sure that they understand the assignment before leaving school
- ↪ Turning in assignments when they are due
- ↪ Making sure that their parents see and sign the assignments in the Student Planner
- ↪ Explaining to parents what homework has been assigned and when it is due
- ↪ Making up assignments that are missed when absences

Teachers are responsible for:

- ↪ Communicating their homework procedures clearly to students and parents at the beginning of the year
- ↪ Posting homework assignments in classroom
- ↪ Allowing time for student to record homework assignments in the student's Student Planners.
- ↪ Assigning homework that is purposeful and meaningful to student
- ↪ Assigning homework that is related to daily academic program
- ↪ Assigning homework that is within the ability of the student

Parents are responsible for:

- ↪ Arranging a quiet, comfortable, well lit place for their student to work
- ↪ Providing encouragement and support for their student
- ↪ Communicating with the teacher when questions arise about an assignment
- ↪ Checking the student's Student Planner daily for assignments and signing to indicate that you are aware of the assignments

HOMEWORK SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO EACH STUDENT'S DAILY SCHEDULE