

Ritchie Park Elementary School Homework Policy



Student Responsibilities

- ✓ Read every day.
- ✓ Record your assignments and bring home the worksheets and materials needed to complete your homework.
- ✓ If you are unsure what your teacher expects, ask questions before leaving school.
- ✓ Complete your homework to the best of your ability and as independently as possible.
- ✓ Return your homework on time.
- ✓ If you are unable to complete your homework, then include a note with an explanation from your parents.
- ✓ Let your teacher know if the homework was too difficult or time-consuming.
- ✓ Talk to your parents about finding a quiet place and making time in your day for homework.
- ✓ Following an absence, work with your teachers and your parents to get caught up as quickly as possible.

Suggested Time Frames

Kindergarten: 10-15 min.
 Grades 1 & 2: 15-20 min.
 Grade 3: 20-30 min
 Grade 4: 30-40 min.
 Grade 5: 40-50 min.

- ❖ These suggested times do not include 15-20 minutes of reading time each evening or basic facts practice
- ❖ Individual student needs must be taken into consideration when determining homework length

Purpose of Homework

To reinforce, review & apply concepts and skills taught in class
 To increase academic identity through concept attainment, skill development & reinforcement
 To build independence through work study skills, organization, and responsible behavior

Teacher Responsibilities

- ✓ All assignments will be clearly explained in the classroom. Models and examples will be provided when appropriate.
- ✓ Teachers will clearly communicate due dates for assignments.
- ✓ Homework will be reviewed for quality and completion. Feedback will be given in a timely manner.
- ✓ If homework is to be graded, this will be clearly communicated; deadlines and rubrics will be provided.
- ✓ Where team teaching is utilized, assignments will be coordinated among grade level teachers to keep within the time allotments.
- ✓ Teachers will communicate to parents about missing or incomplete assignments as needed.

Parent Responsibilities

- ✓ Provide a quiet space with the necessary tools and materials.
- ✓ Make homework part of your child's daily routine.
- ✓ Encourage your child to complete homework on his/her own as much as possible and assist only as needed.
- ✓ Check assignment notebook for the complete list of tasks and teacher communication
- ✓ Communicate homework concerns to the appropriate teacher.
- ✓ Understand that teachers are not responsible for providing advance homework for extended vacations and unexcused absences.