

Guidelines for Students

- Write down all assignments right away.
- Listen carefully to what your teacher says.
- Know exactly what you are supposed to do. If you are unsure, ask your teacher.
- Find a good place to study or do homework: This means a desk or table with nothing on it except what you need to work on. Have good lighting, and a comfortable chair.
- Eliminate all distractions. This would include TV, loud radio music, social phone calls with your friends, and boom-boxes.
- Have a regular time for studying.
- Make sure that you have the following: your agenda book, books, pencils, a clock, and your glasses (if you are supposed to wear them).
- Start immediately when you sit down to work.
- Break down large tasks into smaller ones.
- Work carefully, neatly, and do your best.
- Keep a record of what you do accomplish.
- Pack up your homework and your books for school.
- Remember to give your homework to your teacher the following day.

Homework

Homework is an important link between home and school. It gives students practice in persevering and accomplishing goals and helps them learn to take responsibility for keeping their minds active.

Homework is assigned at each grade level and can be defined as any activity where learning is extended after school. It may include the practice of math facts, a review of spelling words, the sharing of a book, sustained silent reading, or a performance based task or project.

Teachers realize the uniqueness of each child and his/her needs. Therefore, the guidelines for homework are based on the "average" elementary child. However, individual differences must be taken into consideration by parents and teachers. The importance of clear and concise communication between home and school is recognized as critically important.

The following guidelines for homework have been developed by grade level teachers:

Kindergarten

5-10 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 1-2 nights per week and should be completed with parental assistance.)

Grade 1

15-20 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 times per week. Children will need to have a parent read the directions and guide them through the assignment.)

Grade 2

20-30 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 times per week. Students should be able to complete the assignments with little assistance.)

Grade 3

30 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 times per week. Students should be able to complete most assignments independently.)

Grade 4

45 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 nights per week.)

Grade 5

60 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 nights per week. Students also work on long term projects.)

Grade 6

60 minutes per night (Homework is assigned 4 nights per week. Long term projects are assigned throughout the year.)