

**Homework Policy 2007-2008**  
**Parent Edition**

**Expectations Nightly Not to Exceed:**

Kinder – 10 Minutes (40 weekly)\*  
First – 15 Minutes (75 weekly)\*  
Second – 20 Minutes (80 weekly)\*  
Third – 30 Minutes (120 weekly)\*  
Fourth – 40 Minutes (160 weekly)\*  
Fifth - 50 Minutes (200 weekly)\*

\*Expectations are for Monday – Thursday evenings

- ❖ There are times projects may be assigned that will require students to utilize weekends to complete. Advance notice to parents is required in either a newsletter or letter regarding the project.

**What is homework?**

- ❖ Review and practice of what has been previously covered in class. (Recursive review.)
- ❖ Test preparation.
- ❖ Preparation for class the next day. (i.e. Read pgs 5 & 6, answer questions in preparation for class discussion. Complete even problems on page 10; 1-8.)
- ❖ Extending discussion of a topic. (Ask parents how they use writing in their daily lives.)
- ❖ Extend learning by applying learned skills to new situations. (Introduced perimeter in math. Pose the question; your parents want to replace the fence in the backyard. How would you figure out how much wood you would need to replace your current fence?)
- ❖ Exploring subjects more fully than classroom time permits. (Studying the presidential election find out how each candidate feels about gun control. May be accomplished through newspapers, the news or the internet.)

### Understandings:

- ❖ Homework should be checked/discussed the following day or with an intended date of use.
- ❖ Students must have a clear understanding of what the home expectation is, how it relates to their learning, and fits their personal needs.
- ❖ Students do not miss recess for missing homework unless the teacher has spoken to the parent.
- ❖ If a student consistently takes longer than the allotted time or exhibits frustration with the tasks assigned, please let the teacher know.
- ❖ Reading is an expectation, not homework. No time limits will be required.

**Successful  
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Students:**

- ❖ *Read or are read to nightly.*
- ❖ *Discuss the school day with a family member.*