

## ELEMENTARY HOMEWORK GUIDELINES



This letter explains the homework policy for our school. Please read the policy with your child so that both of you understand the expectations of students and parents with regard to homework. Following these guidelines can help decrease tension associated with homework and increase your child's learning. For your child to be successful with homework, he/she needs:

### **A place to do homework**

If possible, your child should do his/her homework in the same place (an uncluttered, quiet space to study.)

### **A schedule for completing homework**

Set a homework schedule that fits in with each week's particular activities.

### **Encouragement, motivation, and prompting**

It is not a good idea to sit with your child and do homework with him/her. Your child needs to practice independently and to apply what he/she has learned in class. If your child consistently cannot complete homework assignments alone, please contact your child's teacher.

### **Understanding of the knowledge**

When your child is practicing a skill, ask which steps he/she finds difficult and easy and how he/she plans to improve speed and accuracy with the skill. If your child is working on a project, ask what knowledge he/she is using to complete the work. If your child consistently cannot answer these questions, please contact your child's teacher.

### **Reasonable time expectation**

The district guidelines are as follows for standard homework minutes per day. Reading minutes may be assigned in addition according to your child's grade level. If your child seems to be spending too much time each night on homework, please contact your child's teacher.

### **At Bedtime**

When it is time to go to bed, please stop your child, even if he/she has not finished the homework.

### **Communication with school**

Check homework folder or student agenda for homework assignments.