

Homework

Second grade is a year where your child will experience many new, exciting things. Students vary in interest, readiness, and learning style; the homework will offer a variety of options in different academic areas to meet their needs. Your child's homework consists of practice activities that are appropriate to their level and areas they need to practice. The main focus of the homework in second grade is to take introduced the mastery level. Homework in second grade should only last 30-40 minutes a night. Your child's homework is designed to include two parts:

Nightly Homework

Required

Each night your child should be practicing reading, computation/math facts, and spelling. By practicing and mastering these skills the students will build the foundation for further success. Below is a list of the required homework.

Things to Know about Nightly Homework:

1. **Homework Sheet:** On Monday your child will receive a sheet that outlines their nightly homework. Occasionally there may be a math page attached. The purpose of this page is to provide information about what your child is learning in math. This page has a section on it that says Dear Parents. It is very important to read this section. It has background information, tips, and activities that will help enrich your child's time spent on homework, as well as help reinforce the skills being taught in class. This sheet does NOT need to be returned.
2. **Reading (20-30 minutes):** The nightly routine should include some time with your child reading to you, as well as time where you are reading (modeling) to them. This is the most important thing your child can do to improve their skills. When your child is reading they can read aloud to you or silently depending on their readiness level. Every night your child needs to fill out how many minutes they read on their monthly reading log.
3. **Computation/Math Facts (5-10 minutes):** Each child is assessed on a leveled set of math facts and is placed on a level to study each week (for example +10). At the top of the test it will tell you if your child has passed that week. If they pass the next level they will study is written on the test. If they do not pass that week they continue to study that level the following week.
4. **Spelling Words (5-10 minutes):** Each week your child receives a list of spelling words to study. They will be tested on these words at the end of the week. The goal of the test is for your child to master the words and begin to use it correctly in their writing. Continuous review of previous words each week is very important in order for your child to retain the new words.
5. **Additional Option:** One additional part you may choose to add is a nightly writing journal. Practicing writing skills is very important for advancing their skills. The journal can be about anything they would like to write about. The journal should be open ended and child directed. Encourage them to write about whatever they are interested (ideas: personal experiences, make lists, write letters, make up stories, respond to something they just read, etc.)

Extension Homework

Optional Extension

For those students whom need an additional challenge, each month I will send home an enrichment menu. This menu contains assignments and activities that directly tie to what we are learning in class. The assignments are open ended and therefore can meet the needs of each learner at their own level. You and your child can choose to do as many each month as your choose. This menu will be posted on the home page each month.

Further Homework

Please contact me if you are interested in either types of additional homework.

1. Structured Project Homework
2. Independent Project Based Homework