



### **Definition of Homework:**

Homework includes: work not completed in class, missed assignments due to absences, spelling tests, math worksheets, studying for tests, daily reading, book reports, and special projects. Homework is a valuable tool to help students make the most of their school experience throughout the years. It is given to reinforce what has presented in class, prepare students for upcoming lessons, teach responsibility, and help students develop positive study habits.

### **When homework will be assigned:**

Math homework will be assigned most days of the week, and spelling tests will be given regularly. One week's notice will be given for most tests with guidance as to what to study. More than one week's notice will be given for book reports and projects, so students can plan how best to use their time in order to complete the assignment. If a child does not finish work during class time, it becomes homework and will be due the next day. In general, assignments should not take the student more than 30 – 40 minutes to complete, excluding studying for tests and working on projects.

Students have planners that should go home with them every day. They will be reminded what needs to be written in their books. They can also check the classroom websites for tests and project due dates.

### **Student's homework responsibilities:**

Students are expected to do their best on their homework. Teachers expect homework to be neat and to be completed in pencil, or typed when appropriate. Students are expected to do the work on their own and only ask for help after they have given it their best. All assignments are expected to be turned in on time.

**Teacher's homework responsibilities:**

We will check all homework because we strongly believe in the value positive support plays in motivating children to develop good study habits. Checking homework also provides insight into the child's understanding of concepts. If there is a problem with homework completion, we will communicate with the family in a timely manner.

**Family's homework responsibilities:**

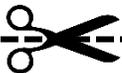
Family support is key to making homework a positive experience for their children. We recommend that families make homework a top priority, provide necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment, set a daily homework time, provide praise and support, not let your child avoid homework, and contact the teacher if you notice a problem.

**If students do not complete homework:**

If a student repeatedly chooses not to complete their homework, they also choose to lose certain privileges. We realize there may be legitimate reasons for why a student may not be able to complete an assignment. If this is the case, please send a note or an e-mail on the day the homework is due, stating the reason for the incomplete assignment and requesting additional time.

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**Please read and discuss this policy with your child. Then, sign and return the bottom portion of this letter to school. Thank you for your support!**



I have read this homework policy and discussed it with my child. We agree to follow these guidelines established in the policy.

Parent's / Guardian's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_