

HOMEWORK



Homework is important when it is used in such a way that it is a valuable aid for student success.

Homework may be given on our campus for:

1. Practice – to review and practice specific skills or materials covered in class
2. Schema Building – to expose students to an upcoming class topic (current events, YouTube video, reading ahead). *Parents should not be asked to preteach a concept prior to classroom instruction.
3. Extension – to apply concepts or skills learned in class to real life situations.
4. Long Range – to integrate a variety of skills into a bigger project (book report, project, etc)

Packets to practice general skills or busy work do not meet these standards. There are many ways that we teach responsibility – sending home worksheets on skills that are too easy or too hard do not help with that. Home readers that are specific to their reading level, math concepts that the student understands but needs more practice, studying for upcoming tests are all appropriate examples of homework.

Students should be encouraged to read at home. We want to create an environment that will help them choose to read more than we expect! Reading teachers will need to implement some type of reading incentive to celebrate books. We want reading to be more than a chore!

Reading logs/incentives/programs are not to be used as a grade.

Student should not receive a discipline referral for homework not turned in. If this is a recurrent problem, see an administrator for some tips.

Be certain that your homework expectations and guidelines are posted on your website. If you have a big project, upload the guidelines or rubric to your website.

Remember that it is not the parents' job to teach the children.