



HOMEWORK POLICY

5th Grade

Dear Fifth Graders,

Just as you grow, so do your responsibilities. During the fifth grade, you will be expected to sharpen your organization, time management, and other work habit skills in preparation for your middle school years. To assist you with this, your fifth-grade teachers have prepared homework and grading guidelines.

Homework

Homework is an essential part of fifth-grade education, helping students develop strong study habits, reinforce skills, and take responsibility for their learning. We expect all students to read for 20 minutes each night. To support this, students will complete a weekly reading log that highlights the various reading strategies practiced in class, including making predictions, summarizing, questioning, visualizing, and drawing connections.

In addition to reading, homework will be assigned most school nights and occasionally on weekends. Assignments may include extra-credit opportunities, project work, test preparation, completing missing work, or additional practice.

Assignments collectively should take no longer than 50 minutes of actual working time. If you have worked beyond 50 minutes or are exhibiting a great deal of anxiety, please stop working and have your parents contact us via email or ClassDojo, explaining that you were having difficulty, and we will review it the following day. Included in the collective work time described above, you should engage in a minimum of 20-30 minutes of independent reading each evening.

You will also be required to write your homework in your student planner. All assignments will be verbally stated and displayed on our digital Homework Chart, which is a live document. Each student also has access to the Homework Chart on Google Drive through Google Classroom. You are expected to share your assignments with your parents. If you return to school with an incomplete assignment, we notify your parent(s)/guardian(s).

Due Dates

- All assignments are expected to be completed on time.
- Most assignments are daily (short-term) assignments that are due the next school day.
- For some assignments, you will be given more than one day to complete them (long-term). You will always be told when they are due.
- Continued late assignments will be reflected in your report card.

Absence Make-Up Work

1. According to district policy, on the second day a student is absent, a parent may request his/her child's classwork/homework. The classwork/homework assignments will be made available to the parent by the end of the day.
2. When you miss work during an absence, upon your return, you will be given the same amount of days you were absent to make up for all missed work.

Special Circumstances

There are special circumstances that are considered valid excuses for not getting an assignment completed on time. Some examples are extended illness, exceptional or unforeseen events, and religious holidays. Please bring a note of explanation from a parent or guardian.

Assessment Folders

In an effort to keep parents updated on their child's progress, Assessment Folders will be sent home periodically when work has been reviewed with feedback. Folders are to be returned the next school day with signed assessments inside. Additionally, ask your child to check their Google Classroom assignments, where feedback may be provided.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date