

Homework Policy:

Homework has a definite place in the educational process. It is an extension of the learning experiences children have during the instructional day. Homework is designed to help your child achieve classroom and school goals. It will take approximately 15-30 minutes a day or less and will be assigned on Monday-Thursday. The homework that I give will fit one of these categories:

1. Remedial Drill: This is an extension of work that has been introduced in class. This homework is an individualized drill activity designed to strengthen the child's weak areas.
2. Unfinished work: This is work that was not completed in class that same day and is within the student's capability to finish at home.
3. Review: Practice work for the lessons introduced in class.

Parents are the key to making homework a positive experience for their child/children. Therefore, I ask that you as parents make homework a TOP PRIORITY at home. Provide necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment. Set aside time every day when homework should be done. Also, provide praise and support for your child. One important thing I ask of you is please do not do your child's homework or have their siblings do it for them. It will only benefit your child and I am sure that your other children will have their own homework from their teacher.

Planners/Agendas:

Your child will be writing his/her homework in either a planner or agenda notebook. Please ensure that you sign off on the homework for the designated day. All assignments should be signed daily to acknowledge that your child has completed his/her homework and that you have reviewed the assignments.

Classroom Discipline Plan:

Since lifelong success depends in part on self-discipline, I have developed a discipline plan which affords every student guidance in making good decisions about his/her growth, and we know that together, we will make a difference in this process. The plan below outlines the rewards and consequences for both appropriate and inappropriate behavior.

Rewards

1. Verbal praise
2. Tangible awards (ex. Stickers, prizes, treats, homework passes)

Consequences

1. 1st Offense: Verbal warning
2. 2nd Offense: Time-out/ Recess detention
3. 3rd Offense: Lunch detention and note home to parents/guardians

NOTE: Major infractions will result in being sent to the principal's office and immediate parent/guardian notification. Students who consistently misbehave may lose fieldtrip or other privileges.

Teacher Expectations:

1. Come to class on time and prepared every day.
2. Participate in classroom discussions and activities.
3. Complete class work and homework on time.
4. Be on best behavior at all times.

Parent Notification:

Parents will be notified about their child's progress by:

1. Mid-quarter progress reports
2. Seatwork papers sent home
3. Notes in agendas/planners
4. Phone calls
5. Home visits, if necessary

Bus and Car Riders:

If your child will be both a car and bus rider, please let me know when he/she will be either. For example, if your child has been a car rider and then later changes to a bus rider or vice versa, please let me know about the change to avoid any confusion. Also, if there is someone who normally picks up your child and then you decide to have someone else pick him/her up, please let me know who it will be in writing.

Absences and Tardies

Your child's attendance is an important component of his/her academic success. All absences must be accompanied by a written excuse or doctor's note. Verbal excuses will not be accepted. Three or more consecutive absences must be accompanied by a doctor's note. No note will result in an unexcused absence. Excessive absences and tardies will require the teacher by law to refer your child for truancy. Please have your child arrive at school no later than 7:40 a.m. It is school policy that students be in class **no later than** 7:55 a.m.

Recess

Parents are responsible for providing a nutritious snack for their child. If you are not going to provide your child with snack, please make sure that they eat breakfast.

School Dress Code:

It is important that your child dress comfortably to school. Send your child to school in their uniform. Shoes should be worn. Zories/slippers are not allowed. Expensive jewelry is also discouraged because of the possibility of it getting lost or stolen.