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Homework is an essential part of the school program and one way in which children can bring part of the educational experience into the home. Homework is for review purposes. Homework is not meant to be stressful. Therefore, it is up to the student, family and teacher to share the responsibilities for homework.

Student’s Responsibilities:

* To understand all homework assignments by listening to directions, asking questions when something is unclear, and reading directions
* To gather all materials necessary to complete assignments before leaving the classroom
* To complete all assignments to the best of his/her ability
* To return materials and assignments on time
* To make up any missed homework

Family’s Responsibilities:

* To provide a routine and environment that is conducive to doing homework (i.e. a quiet and consistent place and time, necessary materials, etc.)
* To offer assistance to the student, but not do the actual homework
* To notify the teacher when homework presents a problem
* To read school notices and respond in a timely manner.  Regular backpack clean-ups can be useful in helping students to organize their materials.

Teacher’s Responsibilities:

* To provide purposeful homework
* To provide clear directions and instructions
* To implement a system for routinely checking homework
* To communicate to the student and family what is expected for completing homework
* To communicate with families when students are not consistently completing homework

Written homework should take approximately 30 minutes each night. Homework has a consistent structure. Daily homework includes:

1. Math – one sheet
2. Writing – different types and resources such as Newsela and MyOn
   1. a book response
   2. summary of an article or broadcast
   3. notebook entry
   4. science writing
   5. social studies writing
3. Read \_\_\_ minutes and log!
4. Other