

Freeman Elementary School

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KINDERGARTEN HOMEWORK POLICY

Because Kindergarten is no longer just “sandbox and finger painting”, Kindergarten teachers will be sending home “homework assignments” each week. The homework assignments, with your cooperation, will reinforce skills taught in school. The homework will contain a cover letter explaining the homework and upcoming events.

Homework assignments are to be completed and returned to school so that your child may receive proper recognition at the end of the week.

It would be very helpful if you could provide your child with the following materials at home which may be required to complete assignments: a box of crayons, a pair of scissors, a pencil, a small bottle of glue or glue stick, and an eraser. Put them in a small box and find a special place at home away from their smaller brothers and sisters.

Kindergarten teachers will also be giving each child a folder with pockets inside to take home their work. Please don't send backpacks, as we have no room to store them.

Remember, parents, we have to work together to ensure that your child successfully completes his/her homework assignments. With that in mind, it generally takes about 20 minutes for the children to complete their homework each day. If it takes your child longer than 20 minutes per day to complete homework assignments, please talk with your child's teacher. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

HELPFUL SUGGESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS

Following are some suggestions to help your child and you successfully complete homework assignments:

- Provide a quiet place for your child to do his/her work;
- Review your child's work with him/her before returning it to school;
- Have your child return all of the completed homework assignments;
- Make sure that your child's completed work is clean and neat;

- Have your child use a pencil to do the homework;
- Return all notes and homework in the folder provided; and
- Remind your child that he/she needs to return the completed homework by the end of the week.

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HOMework POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 1, 2, AND 3

Freeman Elementary School's first, second, and third grade teachers believe that homework is designed to help all students achieve greater academic success and it helps their students develop effective work habits. Further, the primary teachers also believe that homework fosters student initiative, independence, and responsibility. Most importantly, it reinforces the work students have done in the classroom and it brings the home and the school closer together. Following is a listing of some of the most commonly asked questions of Freeman Elementary School teachers related to homework.

1. How many minutes of nightly or weekly homework should I expect for my student?

First grade: Daily 15-30 minutes--of written work including the reading log due on Fridays.

Second grade: Daily 20-30 minutes--of written work **plus** 20 minutes of daily reading recorded in the reading log due on Fridays.

Third grade: Daily 30-45 minutes--of written work **plus** 20-30 minutes of daily reading.

2. When is homework most often assigned, and when is it due?

First grade: A calendar of homework activities and the reading log go out on Monday. They are due back to school on Friday.

Second grade: Generally, homework goes out each school day **except** Friday. The

reading log is due every Friday.

Third grade: Generally, homework goes out each school day **except** Friday and it is due the next morning. Special projects, with time lines, are also occasionally sent home.

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3. Is homework graded and feedback provided to students and parents?

First Grade: Homework will be graded every week and returned on Mondays with comments. During parent conferences, homework will be discussed so everyone has a clear understanding of expectations related to homework, and homework progress will be reported on the student's report card.

Second grade: Homework will be graded and given back to students to correct. During parent conferences, homework will be discussed so everyone has a clear understanding of expectations related to homework, and homework progress will be reported on the student's report card.

Third grade: Homework will be checked to monitor student responsibility with the goal that students will practice skills that are already being learned in class. During parent conferences, homework will be discussed so everyone has a clear understanding of expectations related to homework, and homework progress will be reported on the student's report card.

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HOMework POLICY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4, 5, AND 6

By the time your child reaches 4th grade, he or she should be an “independent learner”. Therefore, our expectations are rather simple. Students are to (a) complete their homework assignments on time, and (b) submit their completed work to the teacher when requested. By doing so, your child will enhance his or her chances of mastering the identified grade level standards and fulfilling other grade level expectations.

The intermediate teachers define homework as assignments to be completed outside the classroom to reinforce instruction and increase understanding and retention. Homework is a very important part of our school’s instructional program.

Following are the homework guidelines for all students in grades 4-6:

- Each student is generally expected to do 10 minutes of homework for each grade level completed, i.e.,
 - Grade 4 times 10 minutes equals 40 minutes of homework per night
 - Grade 5 times 10 minutes equals 50 minutes of homework per night
 - Grade 6 times 10 minutes equals 60 minutes of homework per night
- Homework is generally assigned Monday-Thursday. However some of the teachers assign homework Monday-Friday. During Back-To-School Night, your child’s teacher will let you know the specific nights homework is assigned.
- If your child is absent from school, missed homework assignments are due the day after his or her first full day back at school. Failure to submit a missed homework assignment will result in the student attending the after-school homework center.

If you have any questions regarding homework or homework assignments, please contact your child’s teacher. He or she will be happy to help you.

