

Homework Policy

Dear Parents,

Part of the concept of homework in elementary school is to teach the students to be responsible for writing down the assignments and to develop good time management skills while completing them. This includes bringing their homework to school on the assigned day and handing it in. Please note the school homework guideline is an average of 40 minutes per night for 4th grade. This should include the time spent reading independently. Homework will be assigned nightly to prepare for middle school. There will also be some long-term projects assigned throughout the year.

As a class, we will be talking a great deal about the concept of homework and the responsibility of each student to complete and hand in their own homework at the beginning of school **on the day it is due**. We will also be discussing that it is the students' responsibility to remember their homework and not their parents. The children will be learning to accept the responsibility of forgetting their homework and that as their teacher I must treat everyone fairly by having the same rules for everyone. I feel this is an important concept for all children to be able to understand. The consequences of not handing in homework are not major, but the students should realize that their homework is important, especially as the children embark on middle school next year.

I would appreciate it if you could review this letter with your child. It would also be most helpful if I am not asked to make an exception to the rule in regards to the homework policy. This makes it hard for me to feel that I am being fair to all of the students. If an **extreme emergency** arises, please feel free to inform me. I understand these things happen. Also, if you feel your child is struggling with the assignments, please notify me immediately so we can meet and make any necessary adjustments.

The most important lesson your child can learn this year with homework is how to be responsible for writing down the assignment, turning it in when it is due, and knowing how to cope if it is forgotten or incomplete.

Thank you for your support and understanding.
Mrs. Churchill