

Second Grade Homework Policy

Our homework routine will begin the second week of school. Homework serves several purposes. It allows students to practice/review new skills and build self-esteem. It helps to build *responsibility* and independence. In addition, it allows parents to see what their children are learning in school.

Your child's homework will come home everyday in his/her *School & Home Communication Folder*. In the folder will be an assignment sheet, it will list what your child needs to do. Everyday, I would like parents to please check to see that your child did his/her homework and sign this sheet.

Second graders will receive homework Monday through Thursday nights, but not on weekends or holidays (unless the student is making up work from an absence). The homework sent home should take them only **20 minutes** to complete. If it is taking your child longer to complete his/her work, please contact me so we can work together to create a new homework plan for your child.

Most of the time, the only work I send home is to study/review for tests. I will send home study guides for the students to review independently and/or with a parent (the answer keys are included for the parents ☺). However, please note that if a written assignment (worksheet/writing activity) is sent home, it is due the next day (unless a different due date is written on the assignment sheet). When an assignment is incomplete or not turned in on the due date, I will write a "late" or "incomplete" note on the student's Daily Communication Sheet. The student can turn in the assignment the next day, but it will be noted that the assignment was turned in 1 day late. If the student does not return the completed homework on the following day, a grade of "zero" will be given. Please note, if your child forgot his/her folder or backpack and his/her assignment was in it, the assignment is considered late. ***It is very important that folders make it to school everyday. late or missing assignments will affect your child's report card grade.***

If the student has an excused absence, two additional days will be given to complete make-up assignments for the missed days. On the day your child is sick, if you would like to pick up your child's homework or have a sibling take it home, just let the office know when you call to excuse the absence. I would be happy to gather the work for you! In addition, if you are aware that your child will miss a day of school (vacation, doctor's appointment, etc...), the same "two-day" rules apply. If you know your child will be absent it is best to request and collect the missed work before the missed day so your child has more time to complete it. If more time is needed to complete work due to an extended absence, please contact Mrs. Rohloff as soon as possible to discuss extension dates.

There is a "Study Time" at the end of each day. Students may work on homework, study for tests, read, and take Accelerated Reader tests at this time. I also work on skills with small groups of students. In addition, students who are working with specialists are often pulled from class at this time. ***If your child is working independently in class at Study Time and uses his/her time wisely, he/she should be able to complete most of his/her homework before he/she even gets home!*** ☺ Please contact me if any homework issues arise so we can talk about a homework plan that will be a positive experience for your child and help him/her reach his/her academic goals.