**Second Grade Homework Policy**

I will not send homework home during the first week of school ☺. It is a time to transition back into the school routine. Next week, I will start sending homework home.

Homework serves several purposes. It allows students to practice 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.

Second graders will receive homework **Monday through Thursday** nights, but not on weekends or holidays. The homework sent home should take them only **20-30** **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.

Homework will **usually** consist of two components. First, a small worksheet that contains math practice on one side and reading practice on the other side. The skills are aligned to the *Second Grade Common Core Standards*. Each worksheet contains skills that your child needs to master by the end of second grade. There are only a few problems on each side. Therefore, each worksheet should take your child only 5-10 minutes to complete. Please make sure that your child completes BOTH sides of the worksheet. In addition, I will send home one more activity. This could include **one** of the following: study spelling words, study for a test, read, journal, practice math facts, or complete any uncompleted work from class. In total, both of these activities should take your child 20-30 minutes to complete.

Please encourage your child to work as independently as possible on his/her homework. The homework relates to the subjects and topics addressed in class. Your child will learn how to independently study for tests by using the study guides I send home (The answer keys are included. The students will learn how to cover up the answers and check when finished). However, the students can also benefit from a parent studying with them. Thank you for any assistance you can provide!

Your child’s homework will come home everyday in his/her orange *School & Home Communication Folder*. In the middle of 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. Completed homework and the assignment sheet need to be placed back in the folder and returned back to school the next day. Homework worksheets will be graded.

**Please note that** **most assignments are due the next day (**If you do not see a due date written on the assignment sheet, the assignment is due the next day)**.** Late work or missing work will affect your child’s report card grade. When an assignment is not finished, the student will need to finish the assignment at school by the end of the day it is due. Two points will be taken off the score for the late assignment. If the student does not finish or refuses to finish by the end of the day, a grade of zero will be given. If the student was absent, two additional days will be given to complete make-up assignments for the missed days. At the end of the quarter, homework grades are averaged to determine final report card grades.

If you would like extra skills enrichment for your child, he/she can always practice math facts, study spelling words, read, or explore the educational links located on my web page. As always, please stop homework after 20-30 minutes. Your child needs time to relax after a busy day ☺. ***If you have any problems or concerns, please let Mrs. Rohloff know.*** We can work together to help your child have a positive learning experience.