

# Fourth Grade Homework Policy



Homework provides practice for the student as well as important feedback for the teacher about students' progress. Parents and students, please review and follow the following guidelines for fourth grade homework success!

1. Quantity: Generally students will have about 45 minutes of homework, Monday through Thursday. In addition, the students will read 20 minutes every night and complete a weekly reading log. If a reading passage is not specifically assigned, the student should read recreationally. Nightly reading is essential, so please encourage your child by providing interesting books, magazines, or other print material for him or her.
2. Organization: Students have been provided with a planner where they will write down their daily homework assignments. This planner will be taken home each night along with the homework folder, checked and signed by the parent, then returned to school the next day.
3. Timeliness: It is important for homework to be turned in on time. If not completed, the student may lose the opportunity to correct their work and obtain teacher feedback and concept reinforcement.
4. Missing Homework: Incomplete or missing homework will be done by the student on the "bench" at recess. Upon completion, the student will turn it in for a late grade. Late marks will affect the "Effort" and "Homework" grade on the report card.
5. Absences: If a student is absent, extra time to complete the classwork and homework will be given. The fourth grade teachers understand that there may *occasionally* be an *emergency* situation that prevents a student from completing homework. Parents, if this occurs, please send the teacher a note and more time will be given.
6. Effort: Homework is an opportunity for the student to continue to develop responsibility, organization, and self-discipline that will ensure his or her success in the years to come. Enough effort should be put into the homework for the student to practice the concepts reviewed. Accuracy is more important than speed. Sometimes the child will need to reread, ponder, or struggle a bit to do his or her best. Recent studies have shown that the brain works best work when it is focused on one task at a time. Students, please work in a quiet place and save music, computer, and TV for when your homework is finished.
7. Parent Involvement: Parents, please look over your child's assignment(s) and help briefly, but resist doing the work or providing answers for him or her. If he or she truly doesn't understand the work, please contact the teacher for clarification via a note, phone call, or email. Please resist bringing forgotten homework to school for your child. If a student forgets the homework, he or she will accept the natural consequences and hopefully learn to be more responsible in the future.