



Fourth Grade Independent Work Policy

Independent work 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 independent work success!

1. **Quantity:** Generally students will have about 120 minutes of work per day (with the exception of Wednesday). Nightly reading is essential and students should read a minimum 20 minutes every night.
2. **Organization:** Students have been provided with a week at a glance via parent email and in Google Classroom. There will also be a tab on the class website titled "Daily Work" that students and parents can access. Students should have a clean, quiet, and organized work space with all of their materials and supplies ready.
3. **Timeliness:** It is important for work 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 Work:** Incomplete or missing work will be done by the student in a timely manner. Upon completion, the student will turn it in for a late grade. Late marks will affect the "Effort" 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 work. Parents, if this occurs, please email the teacher and more time will be given.
6. **Effort:** Work 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 work for the student to practice the concepts taught. 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 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 work is finished.
7. **Parent Involvement:** Parents, please look over your child's week at a glance. Please 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 email.