

## What Is Homework?

*Homework is an important part of a child's school program. When homework is assigned, it should be related to what is being studied in school. The purposes of homework are:*

- To practice and apply the skills being taught.
- To make up or review classroom work which the pupil has missed.
- To encourage the early development of good study habits.

## What Are the Teacher's Responsibilities?

*When making homework assignments, teachers should keep the following principles in mind:*

- Homework is an independent activity to reinforce learning after the teacher has checked for understanding.
- The child should understand the assignment and how to do it.
- The assignment should be defined and related to planned classroom activities.
- Homework should be within the ability of the child to accomplish successfully.
- The work should never be assigned as a punishment.
- Assignments will be checked, graded or reviewed.
- When homework is assigned, the teacher will usually suggest the average time necessary to complete it.

## What Are the Parent's Responsibilities?

*Parents can help the child make the best use of the time which is spent on home study by following these suggestions:*

- Take an active interest in what the child is doing by asking "What did you learn today?"
- Provide a comfortable, quiet, well-lit place to do homework.
- Arrange an appropriate time for study.
- Give encouragement and assistance, but do not do the work for the child.
- Give personal supervision where it is needed.
- Confer with the teacher if the child needs special help.
- Turn off the television, radio, computer games and cell phones during homework time.
- Set up a system at home that ensures your child's work gets to and from school.

## Daily Homework Guidelines

*Daily homework (not including reading) should adhere to District guidelines listed below:*

- TK/Kindergarten: 20-30 minutes
- Grades 1 – 3: 30-60 minutes
- Grades 4 – 6: 60-90 minutes
- Grades 7 – 8: 120 minutes

*In a departmentalized program, teachers should plan together to achieve consistency in the above guidelines.*

## Sixth Grade

*(Teachers: Mrs. Hem, Mrs. Lee, and Ms. Tsunashima)*

Homework is assigned every day.

MONDAYS: English Language Arts (ELA) (60 min), Math (30 min)

TUESDAYS: Social Studies (30 min), Science (30 min)

WEDNESDAYS: Math (60 min), ELA (30 min)

THURSDAYS: Math (60 min), ELA (30 min)

FRIDAYS-SUNDAYS: Projects/reports, tests review

- Sixth Grade Personal Responsibility Plan: Students have two days after the due date to complete and turn in their work for *partial* credit. After this, the student will receive a zero for the assignment.
- Extra Time for Assignments: Students are allowed extra time to complete an assignment if they have been absent, or if the student had difficulty understanding the assignment (parent must write a note indicating the reason).

## Seventh Grade

*(Teachers: Mrs. Canseco, Mrs. Tong-Ju, and Mrs. Valdez)*

### Math

Students have homework 3 days per week. A math packet is completed incrementally. Students will compile a math packet for each chapter which includes: title page, table of content, all assignments, homework corrections, and lesson reflections. Students are required to complete TenMarks math homework online (1-2 nights per week).

### Reading

Students are assigned reading-related homework (that may include reading from the textbook, completing comprehension pages, etc.) 1-2 nights per week. Students are required to read for a minimum of 35 minutes per night and complete a reading log. Book reports are to be completed at home and are due every month, along with the reading logs. Reading tests may occur once per week.

## ***Seventh Grade Continues...***

### **Language Arts**

Students are assigned up to 25 minutes of spelling/vocabulary/grammar homework most nights – to be completed at each student's individual pace. These assignments are due at the end of the week. Spelling and vocabulary tests are given after the completion of the homework. Essays may need to be completed at home as well.

### **Science**

Students will read each science chapter and complete a science log on a weekly basis. Students will use GLAD worksheets and vocabulary matrix for key terms and key questions needed for chapter tests. For chapter test reviews, students will use test study guides. Students will be assigned one long-term project per trimester. *~Revised on 9/6/17*

### **Social Studies**

Social studies assignments include classwork and homework. All classwork not finished in class must be completed at home. Students will have short tests at the end of each section. Long-term projects will be assigned with advanced notice.

## **Eighth Grade**

*(Teachers: Mrs. Fong, Ms. Perez, and Ms. Yip)*

### **Math**

Students have homework daily. A math packet is completed incrementally.

- Students will compile a math packet for each unit which includes: title page, table of contents, vocabulary table, all homework assignments with corrections, a letter to the teacher, lesson summaries, and two difficult problems on each homework assignment.
- The math packet is due on the day of the unit test.

## ***Eighth Grade Continues...***

### **Language Arts – Reading**

Homework is assigned 3-4 nights each week. Reading analysis of the story which comprises the identification of literary elements such as plot, character, theme, and critical thinking questions will be due as assigned. Additional assignments throughout the year may include independent research reports and problem solving activities. Students are given advance notice of due dates and will be provided with class time for projects.

### **Language Arts – Writing**

Homework is assigned 2-3 nights each week and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Students are involved in the writing process by writing drafts, conducting revisions/edits, and publishing a coherent, focused essay across various genres. Students are required to submit two final pieces per trimester.

### **Science**

Homework is assigned as needed; sometimes from classwork not completed during the day. Homework can consist of reading, note-taking, research, or activities. A project/experiment requiring three to four hours of preparation, extra supplies, and completion both in class and at home will be assigned during the school year (as time allows). Students are notified in advance of all long-term projects and/or experiments.

### **Social Studies**

Students are required to read, research, and report current events weekly. Homework is assigned 3-4 nights per week and should take approximately 30 minutes to complete. Homework includes note-taking, guided reading activities, and content vocabulary. One project is assigned per trimester. Students are provided detailed guidelines and project due dates in advance.



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## **Homework Guidelines for Repetto School Grades 6-8**

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