

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

**TK follows a modified version of kindergarten homework guidelines.*

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

TK*/Kindergarten

TK Teacher: Ms. Caddel; Kinder Teachers: Mrs. Mac, Mrs. Pang-Leong, and Mrs. Young

Reading and math homework packets are given on Monday to be completed and turned in on Thursdays.

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READING/WRITING:

- Packets include three to four pages of reading follow-up
- Reading log: Ten minutes of reading aloud with an adult

MATH:

- Math packets include three to six pages of math review
- Math log: Ten minutes of reviewing math concepts that are currently being taught in class (some oral practice, some written practice)

ORAL LANGUAGE:

- Bring sharing item (indicated on Weekly News) every Thursday.

WEEKLY NEWS:

Parents read Weekly News with their child and discuss and answer questions on the Weekly News. Parents are required to sign and return on Wednesdays.



First Grade

Teachers: Ms. Chu, Ms. Freng, and Ms. Johnson

Homework is assigned Mondays through Thursdays. Students are required to read daily for 15 – 30 minutes. In addition, students are assigned 45 minutes of reading, spelling, math and/or writing each day. Assignments need to be returned the following day or at the end of the week depending on the assignment and/or teacher requirements. Late homework is expected to be completed and returned the following day.

If a student is absent, he/she is expected to make up missed class assignments and homework. Absent students will be given extra days to complete missed assignments, based on the number of days the student was absent.

Second Grade

Teachers: Mrs. Goni, Ms. Quach, and Mrs. Woo

Homework is assigned Mondays through Thursdays and some Fridays. Students are required to complete daily reading log. In addition to daily reading, students will be assigned a **minimum** of 30 minutes of homework. This may include math, language arts, writing, research, etc. Assignments need to be returned the following day for credit. Late homework is expected to be completed and returned the following day.

If a student is absent, he/she is expected to make up missed class assignments and homework. Absent students will be given extra days to complete missed assignments, based on the number of days the student was absent.

Third Grade

Teachers: Ms. Franco, Ms. Szeto, and Ms. Tang

Parents will be informed of individual teacher's homework policy at Back-to-School Night. Each teacher's homework policy differs slightly.

Homework: A **minimum** of 30 minutes of homework will be assigned daily. In addition, students are expected to read daily for their reading log.

If a student is absent, he/she will be provided up to one week to make up missed assignments.

All classes utilize agenda/planners for informing parents of daily assignments and other school information.



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Homework Guidelines for Repetto School

Grades TK-3

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