

Westover Elementary

Homework Policy 2022-2023 (Grades 3-5)

Purpose

The purpose of homework is to:

- Strengthen concept attainment, skill development, and reinforcement
- Provide opportunities for independent work and/or study
- Apply concepts initially presented in the classroom
- Develop initiative, responsibility, self-direction, and organizational skills.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Homework will be assigned at the teacher's discretion.
- Each homework assignment will be clearly explained in class.
- Homework will focus on skill/strategy reinforcement.
- All assignments are due the next day unless otherwise stated.
- Assignments will be varied and require the use of a number of skills.
- Homework will be checked for completion.
- Classwork and projects may be completed at home for a grade.
- Homework will be included as a learning skill on the student's report card.
- In the case of an absence, teachers will provide the materials and assignment along with a due date, except for math, when additional instruction is needed.
- Homework will not be assigned on designated religious holidays.

Time Allotments

When assigned, Grade 3 students should not spend more than 45 minutes for completion. Students in grades 4-5 should not spend more than 60 minutes. If you observe your child spending lengthy periods of time to complete at-home assignments, please reach out to the teacher.

- The guidelines do not include independent reading and basic math fact practice.
- Times are approximate. Individual student pace must be taken into consideration.

Student Responsibilities

- Students in grades 3-5 will record assignments in their student assignment book.
- It is the student's responsibility to seek further explanation, if needed.
- The student will organize his/her time to complete assignments.
- The student's work will reflect his/her best effort.
- Student will submit 100% of homework.

Parent Responsibilities

- Provide a quiet study area.
- Provide a designated time for homework.
- Encourage your child to complete homework on his/her own as much as possible and assist only as needed.
- Monitor your child's work for understanding.
- Communicate individual student needs with the teacher.