

Westover Elementary

Homework Policy 2022-2023 (K-2)

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.
- Due dates will be given for all assignments.
- Assignments will be varied and require the use of a number of skills.
- Homework will be checked for completion.
- Homework will be included as a learning skill on the student's report card, except for Kindergarten.
- In the case of an absence, upon the student's return, the teacher will provide the missed assignments, along with a due date.
- Homework will be assigned Monday-Thursday.
- Homework will not be assigned on designated religious holidays.

Time Allotments

When assigned, homework should follow the approximate allotments below:

Kindergarten 10-15 minutes per night
Grade 1 15-20 minutes per night
Grades 2 30-45 minutes per night

- The guidelines do not include independent reading and basic math fact practice.
- Times are approximate. Individual student pace must be taken into consideration.
- If you observe your child spending lengthy periods of time to complete at-home assignments, please reach out to the teacher.

Student Responsibilities

- Students in grades K-2 will take assignments home in a homework folder.
- 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.
- 100% of homework will be completed.

Parent Responsibilities

- Monitor your child's homework folder daily.
- 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.
- Monitor your child's work for understanding.
- Communicate individual student needs with the teacher.