

## HOMWORK

Your child's planner will be used to provide daily communication from the teacher. Please hold your student accountable to write in their planner each day. You may review the weekly newsletter, teacher webpage, or send your child's teacher an e-mail if you have homework questions.

Every child is different and they will complete their homework at different rates. A good rule of thumb to help determine how long homework should take is approximately 10 minutes per grade level (10 minutes in Kinder - 60 minutes in 5<sup>th</sup>). Quality reading may require additional time. We want to cultivate a love for reading and improve reading skills throughout each school year. Teachers commonly allow students to begin homework during the class period. Encourage your students to spend their time wisely and work on assignments in class to decrease the amount of required homework.

Please analyze the homework environment at home and provide a quiet time, free of electronic devices, and a consistent routine that encourages students to focus and do their best.

Here are 6 tips to make homework time easier for you and your child:

- ❖ Have a regular place for your child to complete homework. Use a desk or table in a quiet room. Be sure there is plenty of light.
- ❖ Find a regular time for homework. You may want to make a rule, "No television until homework is finished."
- ❖ During homework time, turn off the TV, radio, or other electronic devices.
- ❖ Help your child plan how to use time wisely.
- ❖ Set a good example. While your child is doing homework spend some time reading or working yourself. Then when homework is done, you can both talk about how much you've accomplished.
- ❖ Do the most difficult homework first. Save the easier subject for when you're tired.

Please contact your child's teacher if you have questions regarding homework assignments.