

Homework

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At TCA, the teachers and administration strongly believe that homework will contribute to the academic success of children. Homework serves as a link between the child, the home, and the classroom. Homework fosters positive school attitudes, good study habits, effective time management, and personal responsibility. While recognizing the usefulness of homework, TCA staff also strives to minimize homework loads, realizing the need to maintain a balance in students' lives. Homework may be a daily activity for some students. Students who use their class time responsibly should not have excessive amounts of homework (see chart below). If students are consistently overwhelmed, parents should contact their teachers. The parent should also get a Homework Tracking Form from your teacher to gather data that will be helpful when meeting. The following guidelines have been developed for homework. ***Daily reading is a life-long habit and is not included in the below guidelines.***

Time Guidelines (average student per night on average)

K-4	0 - 1/2 Hour
5-6	1/2 - 1 Hour

Student Responsibilities

- Complete homework assignments neatly and on time.
- Schedule time wisely to meet assignment deadlines.
- Attend school regularly and come prepared.
- Get assignments when absent. Make up work will take priority over any extracurricular activity.

Teacher Responsibilities

- Provide checkpoints for long term assignments.
- Give no more than two major tests on any one day. This does not include vocabulary quizzes or spelling tests which are usually studied in class as well.
- Assign work for academic reasons to practice, reinforce, and master skills.
- Provide clear directions for assignment, format, and due date.

Parent Responsibilities

- Provide an appropriate place and atmosphere for homework.
- Set aside homework/reading time nightly.
- Contact teacher if time spent on homework is excessive after completing the homework Tracking Form that is available in the school office.

1st Grade Homework

- Students will bring home their math homework in their green folders daily. It should be returned the next day. Homework is assigned Monday- Thursday. Optional problems are suggested on Friday.
- Math Homework completion is graded under the Habit of Responsibility.
- Our spelling words and recitations can be found in our 1st Grade Newsletter each week. Please take time to practice these at home.
- The First Grade Team suggests the following timeframe:
 - 5-10 minutes on spelling and phonograms; 5-15 minutes on math each night.