

Homework

Homework is one of the many activities in the total school life of our students. It supports the instructional objectives of classroom work. Homework reinforces the student learning of essential skills and should be completed by the student. Homework also helps to develop the students' learning skills.

The Twin Valley South Elementary Staff recognizes the importance of time for family living, learning, and growing. Children also need time to participate in child-oriented activities that are fun and educational such as sports, church, scouts, and music, etc.

POLICY

1. Assignments support Ohio Standard and Indicators.
2. Homework directions are clear and concise. Related information sources are provided as needed.
3. Assignments are varied to challenge students' interests and abilities.
4. Due dates are established to allow for long term planning.
5. Completed homework assignments are reviewed in class, on the due date, to allow for students to ask questions and correct work.
6. Homework should be turned in by the due date unless the student is absent. **Homework turned in pass the due date (unexcused) will be reviewed by the teacher for accuracy, but will be counted as late. If the homework is misplaced or lost by the student it will be the students' responsibility to pick up a new copy from their class homework folder. No homework is accepted more than two days after the due date with the exception of excused absences.** If there is a family emergency please contact your child's teacher and arrangements can be on an individual basis.
7. Practice homework will not be graded, but will count as a learning skill.
8. Long term project will be graded. Points will be deducted for projects turned in late.
9. Students that complete their homework regularly will be rewarded. Teachers will establish a reward plan.

The time spent on homework is guided by the needs of the different content areas. Students and parents work together in setting time limits. Students are responsible for completing their homework. The amount and complexity of homework as well as the frequency and length of the work period is flexible. The maximum times are:

- Kindergarten - 15-20 minutes, 2-3 times weekly
- First and Second Grades - 20-30 minutes daily
- Third and Fourth Grades - 30-60 minutes daily
- Fifth Grade -30-60 minutes daily

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE HOMEWORK MONDAY-THURSDAY. STUDENT IN GRADES 3-5 WILL HAVE MATH, READING AND STUDYING FOR WEEKLY TESTS. PLEASE CHECK YOUR CHILD'S AGENDA AND HOMEWORK FOLDER NIGHTLY. A SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY TESTS WILL BE SENT HOME ON MONDAY ALONG WITH A STUDY SHEET.

In addition, children should be read to or read independently for at least fifteen minutes a night for grades k-2, twenty minutes a night for grade 3, and thirty minutes a night for grades 4 and 5. Incomplete class work that becomes homework is not included under the time suggestions as stated above.