

Elementary Homework Policy

Homework helps develop responsibility, self-discipline and lifelong habits. The purpose is to give students opportunities to reinforce concepts/skills they're learning. It also provides the teacher with opportunities to assess each student's progress on an ongoing basis. Fourth graders should be able to complete most homework in 30-50 minutes per night (including AR Reading). Additional homework is necessary when students need to finish assignments not completed during the school day. When students are absent they will be given the same number of days they missed to complete makeup work. Homework is a student's responsibility. However, parents should monitor and help establish routines that encourage independence and responsibility in their student.

Responsibilities of Mrs. Morris:

- Assign relevant, challenging and meaningful homework that reinforces classroom learning.
- Give clear instructions and make sure students understand the purpose.
- Give feedback and/or correct homework.
- Involve parents and contact them if a pattern of late or incomplete homework develops.

Responsibilities of Parents:

- Set a regular, uninterrupted study time each day.
 - Help your student work to find the answer. Do not provide the answer for him or her.
- MRS. MORRIS' WEBSITE-PARENTS-HOMEWORK HELP?)
- Be supportive when your child gets frustrated with difficult assignments.
 - Contact Mrs. Morris in a timely manner to express any concerns.
 - Encourage a positive attitude towards daily homework.
 - Help your student balance homework with other commitments.
 - Expect your student to follow-through with school work.

Responsibilities of Students:

- Make sure all needed materials are put in the backpack and taken home.
- Be sure all assignments are clear; ask the teacher questions if necessary.
- Set aside a regular time for studying.
- Work on homework independently asking for support only when needed.
- Place homework in backpack or homework folder when completed and turn in assignments on time.

MRS. MORRIS' EXPECTATIONS:

1. All work is DUE the following morning, ready to be graded, unless otherwise stated.
2. Students receive a grade for completed homework. Points will be taken off for late work.
3. Parents will be notified if there is a problem receiving complete homework.