



It's Time. . .

Homework will be starting this week. The children have learned and practiced homework in the classroom. It is time for your child to take on the responsibility of homework.

Your child will bring home a packet of homework on Monday. It will come home in your child's Homework Folder, and should be returned in the folder on Friday. If there are extenuating circumstances and your child can not

complete the homework, please send a note in your child's folder.

Homework is designed to practice the skills the children have learned in school. We try to differentiate the homework to meet your child's needs. If you notice that the homework is too difficult/easy for your child please let your child's teacher know.

Your child may need your assistance in completing his/her homework. You may

need to review the directions with your child, watch him/her write the letters properly, or complete a math job with your child. You may need to read with or to your child or listen to your child read to you.

Encourage your child to try his/her best. Homework should be done by your child. It should be done neatly. Writing should be done in pencil. Remember your child should put his/her name on all homework sheets!

A Time & A Place

To help your child establish good "homework habits" it is important that you create a quiet, clean work area for your child to complete his/her homework. This should be an area free of distractions

like the TV.

Your child may need certain tools to complete the homework assignments. (See the box below for Homework Tools.)

It is also important

that you set a routine for doing the homework. Establishing a "homework time" is important. Children need constant routines.



Homework Helper

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Homework Tools

- Pencils
- Erasers
- Crayons
- Scissors
- Glue Sticks
- Colored Pencils

Reading Homework

It is essential to create good reading habits at an early age. Your child is expected to read every night.

Every night your child should read a book from home, the K.T.Murphy Media Center or the public library.

Depending on the reading ability of your child you may need to **read the book to your child** or you may **read the book with your child**. If your child is able to read, **he/she may read the book**

to you.

On the Homework Coversheet there are "Have To" and "Optional" ideas for you and your child to talk about before, during and after reading the book. These are samples of the types of questions the children are working on in the classroom during Reader's Workshop.

As the year progresses, Reading Homework will look different and become more challenging. The new

homework will be taught and practiced in class. Then your child will be responsible for completing it. This is to help prepare your child for the transition to First Grade.



Math Homework

Everyday Math Homework is called **Home Links**.

There are not Home Links for every lesson taught in class.

Home Links will come home randomly. The assignments reinforce the skill or concept taught in class. They are designed so children learn that Math is all around them. The

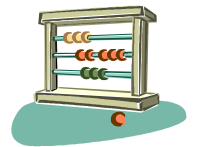
Home Links are fun for the whole family! Feel free to write your responses on the **Home Links** sheet.

Everyday Math also has a **Mathematics at Home Book** that will come home on Fridays. There will be assigned pages for you and your child to do. Please re-

turn the book and assignment sheet on Monday. These activities are quick and fun!

Don't forget to play the **Everyday Math Online Games!**

Enjoy!



Handwriting Homework

Handwriting Homework comes from the program **Handwriting Without Tears**. The children learn how to form the letters properly. First the children learn the uppercase letters, they will learn the lowercase letters. The let-



ters are not taught in alphabetical order but based on letter formation. All letters start at the top!

Watch your child to make sure he/she is forming the letters properly. It is important to practice proper formation whenever your child is writing.

To make handwriting, good clean fun, try writing the letters in shaving cream!

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A Note From the Team. . .

With your help, we can create positive homework habits that will last throughout your child's school career.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the school at (203) 977-4516 or send a note to school.

Thank you for your cooperation!

☺ The Kindergarten Team

Skills

There will be weekly Skills homework. Skills Homework is a "Have To!" The homework will reinforce the skills taught in class during the past week. The homework will vary depending on the skill.

Word Wall Words

There will be weekly Word Wall Homework. Word Wall Homework is a "Have To!" The children will practice writing the words 3 times each. For further practice the children can write the words in a sentence.

Poetry Binders

Your child will bring his/her Poetry Binder home every Friday. Take the time to read the poems with your child. Point out rhyming words and word wall words. Take a moment to talk about your child's illustration of the poem.



Home Work Checklist

- Did you **write your name?**
- Did you **complete all of the "Have To"s**
- Did you **write with a pencil?**
- Did you **try your best?**