

homework

today's assignments: be inspired

Students are required to complete all homework assignments. Due to our strong investment in this philosophy, we have several support systems in place to provide students a quiet space to complete work.

- Many students have access to the 60 minute Call Back/Work Session scheduled at the end of the day. The work session is scheduled with the student's TA teacher. The student can access their PowerSchool account in the classroom. This allows students to determine the status of any assignments.
- Homework Club is offered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 – 4:10. There are two staff members on duty who are familiar with the homework components from the Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts classes to assist students.
- Students may schedule time with a specific teacher after school to receive assistance on homework assignments and projects.
- Students who have not submitted homework assignments will be provided a quiet space to work during lunch. Staff members have been assigned to provide assistance during lunch work session time. This work session will be scheduled during the student's regularly scheduled lunch block.
- Students will not be eligible for sports, intramurals, field studies and school celebrations until homework is completed.

General Homework Tips for Parents are included on the other side of this flyer.

GENERAL HOMEWORK TIPS FOR PARENTS

- **Make sure your child has a quiet, well-lit place to do homework.**
Avoid having your child do homework with the television on or in places with other distractions, such as people coming and going.
- **Make sure the materials your child needs, such as paper, pencils and a dictionary, are available.**
Ask your child if special materials will be needed for some projects and get them in advance.
- **Help your child with time management.**
Establish a set time each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Think about using a weekend morning or afternoon for working on big projects, especially if the project involves getting together with classmates.
- **Be positive about homework.**
Tell your child how important school is. The attitude you express about homework will be the attitude your child acquires.
- **When your child does homework, you do homework.**
Show your child that the skills they are learning are related to things you do as an adult. If your child is reading, you read too. If your child is doing math, balance your checkbook.
- **When your child asks for help, provide guidance, not answers.**
Giving answers means your child will not learn the material. Too much help teaches your child that when the going gets rough, someone will do the work for him or her.
- **When the teacher asks that you play a role in homework, do it.**
Cooperate with the teacher. It shows your child that the school and home are a team. Follow the directions given by the teacher.
- **If homework is meant to be done by your child alone, stay away.**
Too much parent involvement can prevent homework from having some positive effects. Homework is a great way for kids to develop independent, lifelong learning skills.
- **Stay informed.**
Talk with your child's teacher. Make sure you know the purpose of homework and what your child's class rules are.
- **Help your child figure out what is hard homework and what is easy homework.**
Have your child do the hard work first. This will mean he will be most alert when facing the biggest challenges. Easy material will seem to go fast when fatigue begins to set in.
- **Watch your child for signs of failure and frustration.**
Let your child take a short break if he/she is having trouble keeping him/her mind on an assignment.
- **Reward progress in homework.**
If your child has been successful in homework completion and is working hard, celebrate that success with a special event (e.g., pizza, a walk, a trip to the park) to reinforce the positive effort.

