

Assignments ...

Homework, like all areas of student life, has developmental stages. Time management skills, personal commitment and academic expectations grow in complexity as children proceed through the grade levels.

Your child's teacher may require specific assignments as homework. Assignments can have short-term due dates of one to three days. Others may extend over several weeks. 4th and 5th grade students are required to maintain a student planner that lists all assignments. At Curriculum Night teachers will share expectations about homework and provide specific details regarding the time commitment and content.

Absences ...

There may be times that your child is absent other than for illness. These absences should be kept at a minimum. Although travel can be a learning experience, realize it does not replace classroom instruction and learning. **The teacher may suggest activities for the trip, but is not expected or required to provide advance assignments.** Please notify your child's teacher and the office of your child's absence.

We as a staff believe that your child is being appropriately challenged during the school day. We know you appreciate the time you have to spend with your family. Homework is the student's work. Your role is to encourage and support your child in completing the assignments.



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child learns
what no one
else can teach him.

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Homework

A Guide for Parents and Students

Purpose ...

- To promote increased student achievement.
- To increase communication between home and school
- To encourage students to become life-long learners.

Homework strengthens and enhances the interaction and partnership among students, teachers, and parents. It provides an opportunity for students to develop independence, self-discipline and responsibility, while encouraging them to become interested in learning and discovery.



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Parent/child-selected homework is an integral part of the learning process. When no specific teacher-selected homework has been assigned, or to supplement teacher-selected homework, parent/child-selected homework may be utilized. If you would like to enhance or supplement your child's homework program, suggestions are presented below.



Art

- Take lessons/classes
- Attend exhibits
- Visit museums
- Work on a special art technique or craft project



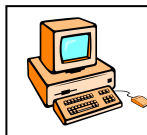
Community/Area Resources

- Visit community sites and events such as:
 - Museums
 - Libraries
 - Cultural events
- Look into activities with:
 - Issaquah Parks & Recreation
 - Bellevue Parks & Recreation



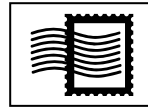
Community Projects

- Do community service projects
- Tutor other students
- Involve children in giving used clothing, toys or games to charity



Computers

- Learn a keyboard program
- Use a computer-aided art or design program
- Use educational software
- Use a computer encyclopedia
- Email
- Internet research



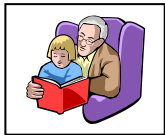
Hobbies

- Join a club
- Build a model
- Make a map
- Tell a story
- Sewing and Stitchery
- Start and research a collection



Home Projects

- Build a birdhouse
- Plant a garden
- Care for a pet



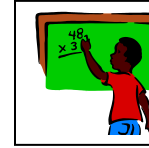
Language Arts

- Read to your child (every grade)
- Have your child read to you
- Read a chapter book as a family, and discuss characters, plot, etc.
- Do crossword puzzles
- Read the newspaper
- Subscribe to and read a child's magazine
- Write thank you notes
- Write letters
- Keep a journal or a diary
- Write reports
- Write a creative story
- Use spelling words in a story
- Make shopping lists



Languages

- Take classes
- Study language tapes
- Practice with a friend or partner



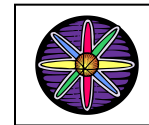
Math

- Work on puzzles
- Cook or bake
- Solve practical problems
- Practice math facts
- Play board games involving money, counting and problem-solving strategies
- Everyday Math online games



Music

- Practice an instrument
- Sing
- Create a rhythm or song
- Attend musical performances



Science

- Take a nature walk
- Collect objects, sort and graph them
- Do an experiment or project
- Visit science exhibits or demonstrations
- Take classes
- Graph the weather



Social Studies

- Use maps/atlas to plan trips
- Research a place you want to visit
- Read about a time or place in history



Sports

- Learn a new sport
- Participate in team sports
- Jump rope
- Walk