

THE PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

Homework is one of the many learning activities in which students engage; its purposes are to:

- ◆ Develop initiative, responsibility, self-direction, and organizational skills.
- ◆ Extend learning and/or provide practice in applying concepts initially presented in the classroom.
- ◆ Provide opportunities for independent work and/or study.
- ◆ Strengthen concept attainment, skill development and reinforcement



Avalon Elementary School Homework Policy



GUIDELINES / TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ No assignment will be given that has not been clearly explained in the classroom.
- ◆ Students will fully understand when the assignment is due.
- ◆ Homework will be checked for its quality and completion. Homework will not be graded unless the teacher has clearly stated so to the students.
- ◆ Homework will be included as a learning skill and will be marked as such on the student's quarterly report card.
- ◆ Teachers will communicate to parents about missing or incomplete assignments as needed.
- ◆ Homework will not be assigned on designated religious holidays when students are absent because of religious observances.

TIME ALLOTMENTS

Kindergarten - up to 10 minutes per night
Grade 1 - up to 10 minutes per night
Grade 2 - up to 20 minutes per night
Grade 3 - up to 30 minutes per night
Grade 4 - up to 40 minutes per night
Grade 5 - up to 50 minutes per night

These times are approximate. Individual student's pace may need to be taken into consideration. We ask that problems or concerns be communicated directly to the classroom teacher.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Be aware of assignments and to seek further explanation if needed.
- ◆ Record assignments.
- ◆ Organize his/her time to work on assignments.
- ◆ Turn assignments in on time.
- ◆ Work reflects high standards regarding quality and completeness.

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

While the student should assume the major responsibility for completing homework assignments, parents are encouraged to take an active interest in the student's homework by doing the following:

- ◆ Provide a study area is quiet, comfortable, and free from major disturbances.
- ◆ Provide a definite time for study or other home activities.
- ◆ Make available resource materials, such as reference books, magazines, newspaper, dictionary, and/or the public library.
- ◆ Monitor the child's daily and/or weekly assignment sheets/books and long-range assignments.
- ◆ Arrange with the school to secure assignments during a period of excused absence. Teachers are not responsible for providing homework for extended vacations or unexcused absences.
- ◆ Encourage the child to complete homework on their own as much as possible and assist only as needed.

****Those who comply to the set standards will meet with a higher degree of success.****