



## HOMEWORK POLICY AGREEMENT

Dear parent(s)/guardian:

Below is an explanation of the homework policy for our school. Please review the policy with your child so that you better understand the expectations with regard to homework/out of class activities. By following these guidelines, we can help be consistent teaching responsibility and practicing homework to increase your child's learning. For your child to be successful completing homework/out of class activities, he/she needs:

***A place to do homework.*** If possible, your child should do his/her homework in the same place (an uncluttered, quiet space—free from distractions).

***A schedule for completing homework.*** Set a homework schedule that fits in with each week's particular activities. It is best to do homework as soon as your child comes home—the later the less effective the child will be at completing assignments.

***Encouragement, motivation, and prompting.*** It is not a good idea to sit with your child and do homework with and/or for him/her. Your child needs to practice independently and apply what he/she has learned in class. If your child consistently cannot complete homework assignments alone, then I need to know this so I can adjust the task and/or activity accordingly.

***Understanding of the knowledge.*** When your child is practicing a skill, ask which steps he/she finds easy and difficult and how he/she plans to improve speed and accuracy with the skill. If your child is working on a project, ask what knowledge he/she is using to complete the work. If your child consistently cannot answer these questions, please contact me.

***Reasonable time expectations.*** Homework should be less than one hour. If your child is spending too much time each night on homework, please contact me.

***A bedtime.*** It is important that your child gets a good night's sleep. When it comes time to go to bed, please stop your child, even if he/she has not finished the homework. Consider having your child start his/her homework earlier the next session.

***Feedback:*** Your child's class teacher will review and give feedback for all homework assignments for both content and timeliness. If your child consistently turns in an assignment late, we will be contacting you to discuss and resolve this issue with you and your child.

Please return this policy with the appropriate signatures, acknowledging that you have read and discussed the policy with your child. If you have any questions about expectations, please contact school as soon as possible.

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Parent's (or Guardian's) Signature

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Student's Signature