



HOMWORK GUIDELINES

Homework is an extension of skills taught in class and assigned to maintain mastery of those skills. Most assigned homework is designed to be a daily review of the classroom experience and can be completed with little assistance. Repetition is essential for young children to gain mastery and independence. In the intermediate grades, teachers may also require special projects or research.

Homework times vary according to grade level and ability of each child. Homework time should be monitored by parents and the finished product may be reviewed by parents but **NOT COMPLETED** by parents. There is a need to instill in children the understanding that homework is the child's responsibility and involves more than just written assignments.

Parents and students can expect that teachers will provide clear guidelines regarding homework assignments and that the homework will be collected/corrected in a timely manner.

Parents should contact the teacher if they feel that the homework is taking too long for their child to complete or if the child is overwhelmed by the task. That kind of feedback is helpful for the teacher who will modify the assignment in ways that help the student to feel successful.

Time limits for homework

$\frac{1}{2}$ hour per day-Grades 1 and 2

$\frac{3}{4}$ hour per day-Grades 3 and 4

1 hour to $1\frac{1}{2}$ hour per day-Grades 5 and 6

(Medford District Regulation 2330)