

Dr. Charles C. Polk Elementary School

Homework Policy

The purpose for a homework policy is to support and promote the efforts of teaching and learning in the school and at home. This policy is developed with the desire to;

- reinforce concepts taught and learned in the classroom
- encourage homework as an extension of the classroom work
- prepare students for upcoming material
- enhance communication between students, parents/guardians and staff

Homework is given five nights per week in grades 1-4

Grade 1-

- 20 minutes of reading
- 20 minutes for an assignment connected to math or language arts, spelling, etc.

Grade 2-

- 20 minutes reading
- 30 minutes of homework (may consist of reading, writing response or log, math, phonics (spelling, vocabulary, etc.)

Grade 3-

- 30 minutes reading
- 45 minutes of homework (may consist of reading, writing response or log, math, phonics (spelling, vocabulary, etc.)

Grade 4-

- 30 minutes reading
- 60 minutes of homework (may consist of reading, writing response or log, math, phonics (spelling, vocabulary, etc.)

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Carefully plan and organize homework assignments in accordance with time length guidelines.
- Assign homework consistent with the needs and abilities of students.
- Make clear to students at the time of the assignment the purposes of homework, the guidelines or rules, and the basis for evaluating the work performed.
- Monitor and check for student understanding of the assignment and skills necessary to successfully complete the homework.
- Review, acknowledge and return homework in a timely manner.
- Utilize homework to locate problems in student progress and to individualize instruction.
- Confer with parents regarding concerns as they arise.
- Work with other CORE teachers to develop a consistent pattern for homework expectations between and across grade levels, disciplines.

Expectations: Students from grades 1-4 are expected to complete all assigned homework, **without exception**. In addition to assigned homework, all students **Must** read every night to enhance his/her reading comprehension levels. Homework should be neat and legible; **always show your work**. Unless otherwise indicated, assigned homework is due **at the beginning of class** on the date it is due.

For additional information on how to help your child succeed with homework, please contact your child's teacher.