

Helen Wilcox Homework Plan

The purpose for homework is to support and reinforce concepts taught in the classroom. In addition, it is expected that the assigning of homework will help to develop responsible study habits which will help our students become academically successful.

Students will be assigned a minimum amount of homework per night, four days a week. Examples of assignments may include, but are not limited to: reading, study of spelling words, mathematics practice, language arts practice (writing, editing), penmanship, and/or any other thematically-linked assignment. Teachers may also assign periodic special projects which require additional time.

Communication with parents regarding homework assignments and how to best help their child will be handled on an individual basis as determined by the teacher. Some examples may include: Weekly homework packets, daily homework assignments that reinforce classroom concepts, notes and phone calls home and classroom newsletters.

Daily homework time requirements are as follows:

Kindergarten	10 – 15 minutes*
First Grade, through December	10 – 15 minutes*
First Grade, after December	15 minutes*
Second Grade	15 – 20 minutes*
Third Grade	25 – 30 minutes*

*Actual homework time will be determined by each student's abilities and the amount of work completed during class time.

Students who fail to turn in homework will be assigned to Study Hall during the Friday Free Choice time, which is 30 minutes of activities each Friday after lunch. This is an incentive program that allows students to make choices while providing a structured consequence for those who choose to not turn in their homework assignments.

Tips for Parents

- Stay in contact with the classroom teacher.
- Show interest in your child's school work.
- Provide a place and specific time to do homework.
- If the student claims to not have any homework on a particular night, encourage them to study during the required time anyway. Reading is always a great way to spend the study time.
- Read to the student and have them read to you.
- Have the student show you their organizational skills by having them share their backpack's supplies (notebooks, binders, pencils, etc.) nightly.
- Emphasize the care, use and return of books and materials with your child.