
MEYERHOLZ HOMEWORK POLICY

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District Homework Policy:

Current CUSD homework policies state the following: Primary students will be assigned 15 to 40 minutes of homework per week. Upper grade students can expect from 60 to 240 minutes of homework per week. *

School Homework Guidelines:

Good study habits are an important building block for success in a child's life. While working towards this goal of success, each member of the parent/teacher "team" needs to assume the following responsibilities.

Homework Responsibilities of Teachers:

1. Homework is assigned on a gradual continuum from first through fifth grades. Assign homework on a regular basis that is relevant to or extends concepts introduced in school. It will be collected, but not always graded by the teacher. Kindergarten homework is not required. Reading at home is highly encouraged.
2. Homework offered at an independent level, where students are reviewing or practicing concepts learned in class.
3. Be aware of the commitments students and their families have outside of school (sports, music lessons, language classes, etc.)
4. Homework will not be assigned on Friday AND due to the following Monday (weekends). (Excludes incomplete class work)
5. Final tests will not be given on Monday or night after a holiday.
6. Calendar final due dates of major projects within grade level teams (all programs).
7. Communicate with parents through newsletters, Premier agenda notebooks, e-mail or phone calls, as needed.
8. Communicate with parents if class work/homework is not completed.
9. Recognize our school's commitment to "going green" by considering ways to reduce homework packets.
10. Find alternative ways to reinforce academic standards at home.
Examples:
 - Read with your child/suggested book lists
 - Write about your day at school or special events at home
 - Practice worksheets
 - Practice skills on-line with SAFE programs

Homework Responsibilities of Students:

1. Write down all assignments and dates assignments are due.
2. Grades 3-5 should use the Premier Agenda notebook every day.
3. Make sure you understand the purpose of the assignment.
4. Ask questions about any confusing parts of the assignment. Be sure you understand what the teacher expects of you.
5. Communicate with your parents. Be sure they review all school/teacher communiqués that have been sent home.
6. Do homework neatly, proofreading carefully.
7. Turn the assignment in on time.
8. Plan your time carefully. Do not watch TV, play video games, etc. until you have completed your homework.

Homework Responsibility of Parents:

1. Communicate with your child every day about how they are doing.
2. Create a quiet, well-lit place for your child to work.
3. Arrange with your child a regular time for study.
4. Check your child's backpack for information and homework list or Premier Agenda. Support your child in organizing work to be sure it gets back to school.
5. Support your child in learning to work by him/herself. Be available when necessary, yet give only the minimum amount of assistance needed for a given task. Do not complete assignments for your child.
6. Communicate with your teacher(s) if your child seems to need a great deal of help or if assignments often take longer than the suggested times listed above. Be aware of current district homework policies.
7. Read books with and to your child. Enjoy this time together. You are creating lifelong habits and relationships.
8. Read all school/classroom letters on other forms of communication and respond as needed.
9. Be aware of recent developments regarding cyber safety. Do not allow computers or TV's in any part of your home that you cannot personally supervise. Be aware of G-mail policies that advise this service for children ages 13 and over.

- *Note: Minutes for primary homework DO NOT include the 15-20 minutes of daily reading that we expect students to complete.*

