

Rationale

In this fast paced world where parents are working and children are involved in a variety of different activities outside of school, huge demands are being placed upon the family unit resulting in less and less time being spent together. We understand that homework is an important aspect of your child's education and we understand the importance of the precious time spent together as a family. Our homework policy, with its flexibility, will help to increase family time and give parents and students time to learn, play and grow together.



*Families that play together,
learn together*



Lakefield Elementary

*Providing an inviting,
orderly and enriching
environment for learning*

Homework Policy

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What is Homework?

- * Communication between home and school
- * Review of previously learned material
- * Meaningful & practical
- * Direct connection between school instruction & homework
- * Reinforce student learning & understanding

Purpose of Homework

- * Communication tool between parent and teacher that monitors students ability, struggles and progress.
- * To build routines, responsibility, time management skills and to teach students how to approach the various skills of learning.

Homework should

- * include nightly reading
- * include practice of previously taught math concepts
- * include a Language Arts component
- * be adjusted to suit the individual child
- * be reduced when projects are assigned

Homework should *not* be

- * a means to teach something new
- * a form of punishment
- * solely fill in the blank pages
- * unfinished class work on a regular basis
- * an assessment tool
- * assigned over holidays or weekends

K - Homework

- * Monthly homework calendar outlining skills & concepts being covered
- * Family activities including reading, poetry, math & printing
- * Reading club

Grade 1 & 2 Homework

- * Daily reading & math assignments
- * Occasional projects
- * Homework to be signed and passed in daily

Grade 3-4 Homework

- * Nightly reading
- * Homework to be assigned on the first day of the week and due on the last day. (**Students are encouraged to pass in their work as soon as it is finished**)

Grade 5 English & Intensive French

- * Nightly reading in English
- * Math assignments in English
- * Majority of the French projects, writing, reading and assignments will be completed in the class
- * Simple read aloud French texts

Grade 5 English:

Same guidelines as Grades 3 & 4

Teacher's Role

- * Inform & model expectations
- * Provide strategies
- * Check for completion & understanding
- * Monitor incomplete assignments & make home contact
- * Determine time spent on homework
- * Ensure a healthy balance of homework when there is more than one teacher teaching the students in a class.

Parent's Role

- * Review & practice concepts
- * Help children with corrections and help them learn from their mistakes
- * Apply learning to everyday situations
- * Communicate with teacher

Student's Role

- * Complete homework assignments on time
- * Cooperate with parents & teachers
- * Communicate clearly when difficulties arise
- * Show pride in the quality of their work