

Second Grade Homework

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Dear Parents,

We begin our weekly homework contracts today. We realize that many students are involved in after school activities, which make it hectic to complete homework on some days. That is why we send home the contract on Monday and do not collect it until Friday. Students can learn to manage their time and plan to complete two assignments on one day if they know they will be busy on another day. Written homework should take approximately 20-30 minutes to complete. In addition, each student needs to read each night. The following information will be helpful to you.

NIGHTLY READING

Reading at home is an integral part of your child's homework. Students are expected to read for approximately 15 minutes each night. Many of the written homework assignments relate to the stories your child is reading at home. Students should write the title(s) of the book(s) they read in the space provided. This needs to be done in order for the homework to be complete. The reading may consist of any one or a combination of the following:

- child reading to himself/herself
- child reading aloud to someone else
- you reading to/with your child

As your child is reading, encourage him/her to talk about the story. Discuss the story elements by asking your child to describe the setting, characters, problem, and solution. They should also make predictions about what they think will happen next. Ask your child how s/he feels about the characters and events in the story. This type of discussion will help build their comprehension skills as well as get them involved in the story.

PARENT SIGNATURE

Teachers go over the contract at school each Monday before it is sent home. However, your child may need your help getting started the first few weeks. Our goal is for students to be able to complete their homework independently and have you review and correct it with them when they are done.

Your signature is required on Monday, if your child completes an on-line spellingcity.com activity.

Your signature at the bottom of the contract indicates that:

- **your child has read for approximately 15 minutes and listed the book titles on the front of the contract each day**
- **you have checked to see that the written homework has been completed in a quality manner**
- **all work is corrected and attached**

A copy of the weekly Homework Contract is available on line. In addition, the Vocabulary Words for the current anthology selection is also available on our web page. Homework is due each Friday at 8:10 when class begins. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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