

Homework Policy Springbrook Elementary School

The homework assignments at Springbrook Elementary are designed to reinforce the skills and concepts that are taught in the classroom, develop a sense of responsibility, encourage self-discipline and extend each child's ability to study independently. Homework may be a page of work, a project, or an activity. Homework supports deeper knowledge, reflections, and practice of enduring learning.

We ask parents to assist their child with their homework in the following ways:

- Support the skill or concept presented
- Encourage your child to complete each assignment
- Provide an environment or space for your child that is conducive to studying at home
- Check to see that all homework has been completed
- Keep open communication with the teacher

Parents are not responsible for teaching any concept or skill and they are not responsible for correcting the assignments at home.

Your child's homework assignments could include any or all of the following:

- Finishing work not completed in class
- Language Arts activities such as spelling, writing and reading
- Projects and research
- Writing in any subject area
- Work to practice and reinforce skills taught in the classroom

The amount of time spent on homework can vary with the individual child, the grade level of the child, and the type of assignment. However, in general terms, primary students should be spending between 15 and 30 minutes doing their homework nightly and upper grade students may spend as much as 60-90 minutes. Each fall at the parent conferences, homework can be individualized based on the students' needs. Springbrook teachers have many strategies to help families with homework so that the child understands the need for homework and it is not a source of frustration. If a child is unable to

participate in activities due to homework, Springbrook staff is willing to make adjustments. We feel that students should balance academics with outside activities such as arts, sports, community service and other family events.

Reading for enjoyment, fiction and non-fiction, magazines, books, or appropriate student websites, should be encouraged beyond homework time.

The homework is reviewed by the teacher in a timely manner and the teacher will give the student appropriate feedback. Homework completion is reflected on the report card under work habit and effort.