



Balanced Homework Habit

The Purpose of Academic Homework: To build at-home learning skills such as self-reliance, autonomy, decision-making and focus and should not require extensive parental involvement or finances.



Parents, Teachers and Administrators Agree: Sleep, physical activity, chores, clubs and family activities (i.e. board games and dinners) *all* contribute to academic success. Since our school considers these activities part of your child's balanced homework routine, students will not be penalized for incomplete homework assignments.



Teachers Agree: Students should not spend more than 10 minutes per grade on academic assignments.



Parents Agree: They will set a timer for the appropriate amount of time. When the timer goes off, the children may stop working on their academic assignments and move on to other activities. Parents will not correct assignments or point out errors. Academic homework is an opportunity for children to feel comfortable making mistakes and learning from them.



Parents and Teachers Agree: When a student has difficulty or can't complete an assignment: Parent or child will place a note on the assignment asking for help the next day.

Remember:

- ✓ All students work at a different pace.
- ✓ Think big picture. Forcing a child to complete a homework assignment, after they have spent a reasonable amount of time on it (10 minutes per grade), is not promoting balance.
- ✓ Keep academic homework time balanced and consistent. On nights children don't have schoolwork, they will read. Reading is important for both ELA and Mathematics.
- ✓ No tears policy: When kids feel frustrated or don't understand an academic assignment, they can choose to read a book instead and ask the teacher for extra help the next day.