

SUNSET LANE HOMEWORKS HINTS FOR PARENTS

Homework

Homework benefits children in many ways. It can help children develop good study habits and organizational skills. It is an extension of classroom learning experiences and provides a communication link between home and school. One major goal of homework is to improve a child's reading skills (fluency and comprehension) and to develop an appreciation for reading. Research shows that children benefit from reading or being read to a minimum of twenty to thirty minutes each evening.

Homework assignments may include review, problem-solving, research, practice, and/or discovery experiences. Each grade level team works to ensure consistency across the grade level. While homework may not be exactly the same in each class or for each student, the learning goals are similar. For specific homework information for your child's class, please refer to teacher communication and Back-to-School Night information.

Student Responsibilities:

1. Listen carefully to the teacher's directions and ask questions if something is not clear.
2. Take assignments and necessary materials home when you leave the classroom; rooms are locked at the end of the day.
3. Complete the homework assignments carefully and neatly.
4. Return the homework assignments to the teacher as requested.
5. Care for and return all schoolbooks and materials.

Parent Responsibilities:

1. Select and enforce a regular time and place each day for homework and study.
2. Keep study/homework time reasonable. Your student usually will have homework four nights a week. However, long-term projects or tests may require additional time.
3. Keep distractions to a minimum.
4. When she finishes, take a few minutes to check over the work. Check for neatness and obvious mistakes. Remember, the child should do the work.
5. While assignments are usually given Monday through Thursday, there may be times that very little work is assigned and/or your child finishes early. We strongly suggest the remainder of time be used to either re-check assignments, study, or read for pleasure.

Remember, homework time is time actually spent on learning (snacks, checking e-mails, and stretch breaks don't count!)