

## Acacia's Homework Policy

- ❖ Homework may include an infusion of pencil/paper tasks with 21<sup>st</sup> century technology (ie: iPads, watching a specific program).
- ❖ Homework is an extension of the classroom instruction related to learning objectives and grade-level Common Core Standards. In accordance with Marzano research, the purposes of homework are:
  - Practice – Reinforce learning and help students master specific skills
  - Preparation – Introduce material for future lessons to help students gain mastery of new content in class
  - Extension – Ask students to apply existing skills to new knowledge or situations
  - Integration – Require students to apply different skills to a large task
- ❖ Each grade level collaborates to assign purposeful and meaningful assignments within ELA, Math, and other disciplines. Extension opportunities may be offered per individual classroom.
- ❖ The **approximated** amount of time students shall be expected to spend on homework assignments, based on a number of research studies, is as follows:
  - Primary students: 10 – 30 minutes per night
  - Upper elementary students: 30 – 90 minutes per night
  - Middle school/junior high students: 50 – 120 minutes per night
- ❖ Consideration for student's individual needs will determine the need for differentiation of homework expectations including length of time spent on completing homework. Also, additional homework and reading assignments may be assigned as determined by the teacher to address the need to deepen student understanding of curriculum and enhance their learning.
- ❖ With the exception of long-term projects, homework assignments may be issued Mondays – Thursdays.
- ❖ The Teacher will:
  - Provide clear directions for the assignments so students may complete the tasks on their own or in collaboration with a peer, when necessary
  - Provide students the opportunity to write down homework assignments in an organized manner, using the iPad or a daily agenda handout
  - Provide resources for students to complete homework assignments
  - Provide students and families clear deadlines and expectations for homework completion
  - Provide feedback on homework assignments

- ❖ Parents can assist their children with homework and should:
  - Know the school and classroom homework plan
  - Check class websites for homework assignments, if available
  - Know teacher expectations for the completion of homework and how it affects their child's grade
  - Ensure that a suitable study area is available for their child(ren)
  - Provide necessary tools to complete homework assignments
  - Set a schedule with their child(ren) to allow sufficient time to complete homework
  
- ❖ Students will have the opportunity to make up missed work, due to absences, as long as the assignments and/or tests are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time, determined by the teacher with consideration for the student's illness recovery or reason for, and length of absence.
  
- ❖ Homework may be used to track student progress and effort for Report Cards or Progress Reports.