

HOMEWORK POLICY

This letter explains the homework policy for grades third thru sixth at Woodbury Elementary School. Please read the policy with your child so that you understand the expectations of students and parents with regard to homework. Following these guidelines can help prevent issues around homework completion.

Assignments:

Details	Third and Fourth Grade	Fifth and Sixth Grade
Frequency of homework	Typically four days a week	Typically five days a week
Duration of homework	30-40 minutes	50-60 minutes
Homework planning	Students will keep an assignment book to remind them of their nightly assignments.	Students will keep an assignment book to remind them of their nightly assignments

Completion:

- Homework is an opportunity for students to independently practice skills they are mastering. You should not need to help them with their assignments. Students should not spend more time on homework than is stated above. If the homework is too difficult or they cannot complete it in the time allotted, it is acceptable for students to bring incomplete homework to school with a note from a parent or guardian explaining the issue.
- Successful completion of homework includes: bringing homework and assignment book home, completing the work, and returning to school with their work and assignment book.
- If assignments are incomplete and unexcused, students will immediately record work in assignment book. They will complete this in addition to their regular assignments for that night. If it returns incomplete a second time, they will complete it in school, during their free time (i.e. recess, morning time, snack).

Grading:

4 - 95-100% of homework completed

3 - 80-94% of homework completed

2 - 70-79% of homework completed

1 - Below 69% of homework completed

Tips for homework success:

- Have a consistent space where your child will complete their homework.
- Set a daily time when your child will work on homework and hold them to the schedule.
- Check your child's assignment book nightly to be informed of their assignments.
- Remind your child to put their completed work and assignment book into their backpack as soon as they are finished.
- Monitor your child's work. Keep them focused on the work. Allow your child to stop when they have worked on an assignment for the expected time regardless of completion.
- Do not try to explain or teach homework material to your child. Engage your child by having them talk about their homework. Student's explanation of their work can help to further solidify the ideas they are practicing.
- Inform the teacher, with a note, of homework difficulties or family situations that prevent your child from completing their assignment.