

## Homework Policy

At Root Elementary, we define the term "homework" as school-related instruction that is to be completed outside the classroom. It should fulfill the following purposes:

1. Enrich and extend school experiences through related home activities.
2. Reinforce learning by providing practice and application.
3. Stimulate effort, independence, responsibility, and self-direction.

The following are school-wide expectations for homework:

1. Homework will provide practice to reinforce skills learned in class.
2. Homework will provide a daily opportunity for parents to encourage their children to succeed in school.
3. All homework assignments will be completed on time.
4. Students will turn in work that is neatly done.
5. All assignments will be evaluated for understanding and results shared with students in oral or written form by the teacher. Homework will not be assigned a grade
6. It is important that homework be individualized and differentiated to challenge all students.
7. Homework will only be assigned Monday through Thursday.

### **Homework Times for Grades K-5**

Kindergarten: 20 minutes per night **including** 10 minutes of reading. (10 minutes of written homework)

Grade 1: 20 minutes per night **including** 10 minutes of reading. (10 minutes of written homework)

Grade 2: 20 minutes per night **including** 10 minutes of reading. (10 minutes of written homework)

Grade 3: 50 minutes per night **including** 20 minutes of reading. (30 minutes of written homework)

Grade 4: 50 minutes per night **including** 20 minutes of reading. (30 minutes of written homework)

Grade 5: 50 minutes per night **including** 20-30 minutes of reading. (20-30 minutes of written homework)

*These guidelines represent the maximum amount of nightly homework, however teachers/grade levels may opt to not give written homework on a nightly basis.*