

Salem Elementary Homework Policy

Over the course of the year, the Salem Elementary faculty will be having ongoing discussion about best practices in the area of homework. We will be considering both the appropriate quantity of homework and the kinds of homework that most benefit our students.

One belief we share is the importance of children reading **or** being read to every day. This is so important for both academic and social-emotional reasons. Children can read with parents, siblings, grandparents, and others. Another belief we share is the importance of students growing as a whole child. We feel that a student's growth benefits not only from the learning that happens each day at school, but also by engaging in family discussions, physical activity outside playing, and participation in extracurricular activities. We hope that the amount of homework given by our teachers will not interfere with authentic learning opportunities outside of school.

All homework given is intended to reinforce skills and concepts already taught in class. However, if your child ever struggles with understanding the homework or completing the homework in the recommended amount of time listed below, please feel free to stop your child and send a message to the teacher explaining the difficulty encountered. Furthermore, if your child *regularly* struggles with understanding or completing the homework, please contact the teacher to arrange a conference.

The following are school-wide grade level expectations for homework:

- Kindergarten: maximum of 10 minutes and read each night
- First Grade: maximum of 10 minutes and read each night
- Second Grade: maximum of 20 minutes and read each night
- Third Grade: maximum of 30 minutes and read each night
- Fourth Grade: maximum of 40 minutes and read each night
- Fifth Grade: maximum of 50 minutes and read each night

Students can find extra reading material on their reading level on the Big Universe [website](#). See login information below.

Username: WCP+student id (e.g. WCP123456)

Password: student id (e.g. 123456)

Group Code: wcpss

If you are looking for at-home support for the math your child is learning at school, Wake County has created a **Math at a Glance for Parents**. The link for each grade level is below.

Sincerely,

Derrick Evans
Principal

Kindergarten	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6DZwQOL0--XQ0p4X1pzYWZkRW8/view
First Grade	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8GII16A224YdTJsZVVQM2Nlb00/view
Second Grade	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B8GII16A224YckF0M0ptaGozWUk/view
Third Grade	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6DZwQOL0--XMjFYNIFJZzhJcDQ/view
Fourth Grade	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6DZwQOL0--XS3FZUVQzY1o1Z1U/view
Fifth Grade	Math: https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6DZwQOL0--XajZIWXdUd1hSYWc/view

