

Salem Elementary Homework Policy

At Salem Elementary School, one belief we share, as a staff, is the importance of children reading **or** being read to every day. This is critical 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 and engagement 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 recommended guidelines for homework:

- Kindergarten: Up to 20 minutes daily including reading as a priority
- First Grade: Up to 20 minutes daily including reading as a priority
- Second Grade: Up to 20 minutes daily including reading as a priority
- Third Grade: Up to 30 minutes daily including reading as a priority
- Fourth Grade: Up to 40 minutes daily including reading as a priority
- Fifth Grade: Up to 50 minutes daily including reading as a priority

Families are encouraged to reach out to their child's teacher and visit the grade level website (accessible from the Salem Elementary website) for additional optional resources to use to support learning at home.

If you are looking for at-home support for the math your child is learning at school, Wake County has created a [WCPSS Math Website](#) dedicated to supporting parents at home as well as providing additional resources to further learning as needed. Math Parental Supports include: unit vocabulary, skills and strategies, video supports, and questions to ask students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sarah Oatsvall
Principal