



Stough Elementary Homework Plan

Homework:

Homework is a part of our educational program at Stough that is designed to be a purposeful extension of our students' learning. Homework should reinforce concepts taught at school and should focus on activities with which a student can expect to be successful. It should fulfill the following purposes:

1. To enrich and extend school experiences through related home activities.
2. To reinforce learning by providing practice and application.

Guidelines:

1. Before assigning a homework assignment, the concept/skill will be thoroughly taught and practiced at school.
2. Homework assignments will be specific, within the student's ability and have defined expectations.
3. Homework assignments will not be given as punishment or busy work.
4. Homework assignments will not require the use of books or materials that are not readily available in the home or accessible to the student.
5. The length of time spent on homework must be developmentally appropriate and manageable in a child's life.
6. Teachers will provide feedback on homework assignments as needed.
7. Departmentalized teams must collaborate on homework so as not to exceed the maximum time.

Frequency:

The research-based guidelines of minutes of homework per day are:

- Kindergarten: Maximum of 30 minutes per day to include 15 minutes of practice and 15 minutes reading/read aloud.
- Grades 1-2: Maximum of 40 minutes per day to include 20 minutes of practice and 20 minutes of reading.
- Grades 3-5: Maximum of 50 minutes per day to include 30 minutes of practice and 20 minutes of reading.

Homework may be assigned Monday through Thursday nights. Occasionally, some projects/assignments may extend into the weekend. Homework is not graded. However, its completion is reflected in the work habits section of the report card.