**Homework Policy**

WCPSS School Board Policy 3135 Homework: The Wake County Board of Education recognizes the importance of homework in supplementing classroom instruction and furthering the goals of the educational program. Homework reinforces learning and fosters independence, responsibility, and self-direction.

Homework assignments should strengthen skills, provide practice in subjects that already have been taught in class, and/or improve a student's ability to work independently. Because each student spends a major part of each weekday in class and because there are other valuable experiences to be gained outside school, homework shall be planned carefully and evaluated periodically regarding its appropriateness. Teachers should take into consideration the differences in financial, educational, and technological resources of students and their parents or guardians when making assignments. In addition, the amount of time necessary to complete the tasks should be reasonable in light of the age and maturity of the students and other assignments given to the students.

**School Improvement Team**

As a School Improvement Team, our school conducted a survey of staff and parents to seek information to inform our homework policy. In considering feedback from all stakeholder groups, our school has decided to conduct homework in the following ways.

**Kindergarten, First, and Second Grades**

* Students are expected to read nightly with and / or to their families.
* Written homework to support curriculum extensions will be provided when it aligns with the curriculum as an optional extension for families. Written homework will be reviewed with students, but it will not be formally graded, and it does not count towards a grade.
* Families are also able to utilize Dreambox digital learning to support mathematics learning by allowing students to access through their WCPSS Student Account.

**Third Grade**

* Students are expected to read nightly with and / or to their families.
* A reading packet and math packet will be sent home on Fridays, and students should return the packets the following Fridays. Teachers anticipate that each packet should take no more than twenty minutes each. Teachers recommend that students spend no more than 15 minutes each night on each packet. Should students need more than the recommended nightly time to complete the packets, please reach out to the classroom teacher. Written homework will be reviewed with students. Written homework completion will be monitored, however, homework completion and accuracy are not a part of a student’s literacy or math grades.
* Families are also able to utilize Dreambox digital learning to support mathematics learning by allowing students to access through their WCPSS Student Account.

**Fourth Grade**

* Students are expected to read nightly with and / or to their families.
* An English Language Arts assignment and math assignment will be assigned on Fridays, and students should complete assignments by the following Fridays. Teachers recommend that students spend no more than 20 minutes each night on each assignment. Should students need more than the recommended nightly time to complete the packets, please reach out to the classroom teacher. Written homework will be reviewed with students. Written homework completion will be monitored, however, homework completion and accuracy are not a part of a student’s literacy or math grades.
* Families are also able to utilize Dreambox digital learning to support mathematics learning by allowing students to access through their WCPSS Student Account.

**Fifth Grade**

* Students are expected to read nightly with and / or to their families.
* English Language Arts (ELA) assignments will (typically) be assigned on Mondays and Wednesdays and are due the next day. ELA assignments should not take more than 20 minutes.
* Math problem of the week will be assigned on Friday and will be due the following Friday.
* Two nightly math problems will (typically) be assigned on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and will be due the following day. Nightly math assignments should not take more than 20 minutes.
* Written homework will be reviewed with students. Written homework completion will be monitored, however, homework completion and accuracy are not a part of a student’s literacy or math grades. Should students need more than the recommended nightly time to complete assignments, please reach out to the classroom teacher.
* Families are also able to utilize Dreambox digital learning to support mathematics learning by allowing students to access through their WCPSS Student Account.