

Homework Policy for Rand Road Elementary School

The faculty of Rand Road Elementary believes that homework is a worthwhile use of time outside of the regular school hours to practice, to maintain, to complete, or to make-up classroom activities. Homework is used to help to develop independent study habits and an appreciation for learning.

Homework serves multiple purposes: emphasizing practice in basic skills that have been previously taught, studying for a quiz or test, making up work following an absence from school, providing remediation, and extending classroom learning with projects and/or enrichment activities. Reading a variety of books to enhance reading skills may be an outgrowth of classroom instruction and is routinely encouraged as homework practice. Drills in the fundamental skills of a particular subject, creative writing, compositions, and summaries may be assigned. Homework is not usually assigned on evenings in which school activities have been scheduled.

The following time parameters will be adhered to when teachers assign homework:

Teachers of students in **kindergarten, first, and second grades** may assign **up to 20 minutes of homework per day**.

Teachers of students in **third, fourth, and fifth grades** may assign **up to 50 minutes of homework per day**.

In the event that students have two teachers, each teacher may assign up to 30 minutes of homework daily. If a student spends an excessive amount of time beyond these limits on homework each night, parents are encouraged to check with the child's teacher to determine why their child is having difficulty completing assignments in a timely manner.

Because homework is designed to help students with a wide range of academic skills and to reinforce concepts taught in class, as well as to provide practice for the skills taught, homework assignments will be varied to fit the needs of students.