

Dear Parents,

I would like to take a minute to tell you how excited I am about this school year. I feel honored to be able to review what your child already knows as well as present them with new material that we will use daily. It will be a great school year! I am committed to the importance of parent involvement in your child's education. I firmly believe that your child receives the best education possible when you and I work as a team. Enclosed in this brochure are copies of my rewards system and my homework policy. Please read all of these carefully. They explain many of my expectations for your child in this class.

Daily Work

Please see that the homework folder is sent back daily. It will have papers in it every day. That does not mean that there will be homework every day. Most of the papers will be notes from the school and papers that are already graded. Encourage your child to take good care of his/her folder. These have to last all year long.

Homework

Most nights of the week students will have a required reading assignment from their group reader. The student is to read the selected pages to his/her self and then to a parent or adult. I will send home a paper for you to sign or initial confirming your child has read the passage so they receive credit for their reading. If the paper is returned unsigned, I will assume that this student did not complete their homework. There will be NO reading homework on Wednesday night.

If the student does not finish seatwork at school, they will be required to finish it at home. If this happens on a Wednesday, they have the option of finishing it at home, or they may stay in at recess on Wednesday to finish.

Spelling Lists will come home once a week. The student is expected to write their words one time and turn them in the day before/of test to receive extra credit. The spelling lists from your child's book are to stay at home to be studied.

Why I Assign Homework

I believe homework is important because it is a valuable aid in helping students make the most of their experience in school. I give homework because it reinforces at home what has been taught in class, prepares students for upcoming lessons, and helps students develop self-discipline, responsibility, and organizational skills; and on top of that, it gives the parent the ability to observe the progress that has been made.