

FAIRMONT EDGEWOOD CAMPUS

HOMEWORK: PURPOSE AND GOALS

“How can parents help?”

Purpose and goals: Homework is a necessary part of each student’s educational program. It is our belief that students must begin early to develop good work and study habits. Homework will be assigned to practice skills already learned in class. Some assignments will give a child the opportunity to practice basic skills. Repetitive practice leads to mastery in such areas as math facts and spelling. Other assignments will give the student an opportunity to enrich his/her classroom experiences. These assignments will be given only after the students have been given adequate instruction in class.

Homework is assigned in grades 1-8 on Monday through Thursday. Junior High students may be assigned math homework on Fridays. Daily work not completed by Friday may be sent home for weekend work. Weekends are a good time to complete long range reports and projects. The assignments are written on a homework board in each classroom. Students are expected to write down their daily assignments, projects and reports in their daily planners. Failure to complete quality homework may result in a lower grade. Repeated failure to complete homework may result in recess, lunch or after-school detention to make up the work.

How can parents help? You can help by showing your child how important it is to complete quality homework on a daily basis.

We recommend the following:

- Encourage your child(ren) to complete as much work as possible at school before he/she attends after-school activities such as piano, dance and soccer.
- Set aside a time for homework each night, preferably before dinner.
- Provide a distraction-free environment.
- Assist your child to find his/her own answers.

Remember we are helping to develop independent work and study habits. Doing the work for him/her is discouraged. If you do the homework, the teacher will not be aware that the student does not understand the concept. It is better to write a note and explain to the teacher that your child does not understand so the teacher can take the necessary steps to correct the problem.

Finally, it is important that the student develops the habit of putting the completed homework in his/her backpack. Help them to establish a routine that will make it easier to remember their work.

Average time for homework:

- First Grade - 20 minutes
- Second Grade - 30 minutes
- Third Grade - 45 minutes
- Fourth Grade -60 minutes
- Fifth Grade -90 minutes
- Sixth through Eighth Grade – 90 to 120 minutes*

*Advanced level classes may have homework or assignments that exceed the time allotment listed from time to time.



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