

4th Grade Homework Policy

E.E. Knight Elementary School

The purpose for assigning homework is to give students the opportunity to extend lessons, practice skills, engage in critical thinking and develop good work habits. Homework can also serve as one form of communication between the teacher and the family. It is important that homework does not add stress to family life. Therefore, it is up to the student, family, and teacher to share the responsibilities for homework. Homework is an important part of each student's academic year.

Student's Responsibilities:

- To understand all homework assignments by listening to directions, asking questions when something is unclear, and reading directions
- To gather all materials necessary to complete assignments before leaving the classroom
 - To complete all assignments to the best of his/her ability
 - To return materials and assignments on time
 - To make up any missed homework that the teacher requires

Family's Responsibilities:

- To provide a routine and environment that is conducive to doing homework (i.e. a quiet and consistent place and time, necessary materials, etc.)
- To offer assistance to the student, but not do the actual homework
- To check that your child has edited his/her homework for spelling, punctuation, accuracy, neatness, etc.
 - To notify the teacher when homework presents a problem
- To read school notices and respond in a timely manner. Regular backpack clean-ups can be useful in helping students to organize their materials.

Teacher's Responsibilities:

- To provide purposeful homework
 - To provide clear directions and instructions
- To implement a system for routinely checking homework

- To communicate to the student and family what is expected for completing homework successfully
- To communicate with families when students are not consistently completing assignments

Homework includes reading every night as we help each student develop the habit of being a lifelong reader. Written assignments over the course of a week may include a balance of assignments in other content areas such as writing, spelling, math, social studies, science, and long-term projects.

Recommended Time Allotments for Homework

At E.E Knight Elementary School we know that the amount of time it takes each student to complete homework assignments will vary. The average homework is assigned 2 - 4 days per week, length of time depending on the individual classroom teacher. Assignments may include unfinished class work and projects with 1 - 2 week completion time, some will have definite due dates. The following chart indicates what we believe is approximately the appropriate amount of time for children in 4th grade to spend on homework DAILY. If your child diligently does his/her homework for the maximum allotted time and does not complete it, you may write a note to the teacher explaining the situation. If this is an on-going problem, please make arrangements to talk to the teacher.

Grade	Independent Reading	Written Work	Total
Fourth	20-30 minutes	25-35 minutes	45-60 minutes

Incomplete, Missing, or Late Homework

Students are expected to turn work in on time. If an assignment is not complete or not turned in on time, the student will be required to stay in during recess and/or other special event time until this assignment is complete. Students who turn in late assignments on a consistent basis will receive any of the following: partial credit, no credit, missed reward activity, or communication with parents.