

An "FYI" for Parents
Fifth Grade Homework Guidelines and Expectations

In fifth grade, the types of homework that may be possibly assigned are:

- practice - review and reinforcement of learning presented in class (e.g. mathematics concepts, reading, strategies, spelling activities, writing assignments)
- preparation - home preparation for the next day's work (e.g. collecting materials and/or resources, review for a test, pre-reading, research)
- extension/creative - creative applications that integrate and/or expand upon classroom learning (e.g. projects, major writing assignments)
- completion - something not completed in class (e.g. reading responses, notes, other assignments)

Fifth graders are expected to read from their choice books for at least a half hour each night, with a total of an hour over the weekend (this hour may be broken up into convenient increments that work for the individual student). Spelling words should be practiced each night in preparation for the weekly test. Math facts should be reviewed nightly in preparation for the weekly Mad Minute quiz. In addition to reading and studying, fifth graders may have an assignment in one or more of the other content areas. All assignments, with due dates, are written in their assignment books each day before dismissal, so if you're wondering what your child has for homework, that's the place to look. The combination of all daily assignments, including any long-term project work, should take no more than an hour to complete. It is expected that fifth graders be fairly independent in the completion of assignments; parents are, however, strongly encouraged to monitor and encourage their child's progress and homework completion without actually doing or correcting the homework for their child. Some suggestions for ways to help with math homework, in particular, are attached.

If you have any questions about homework as the year progresses, please don't hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Erica Sieberg

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I have received and read the notice about fifth grade homework assignments.

Parent Signature and date

Child's Name