



MCPS Homework Policy

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Homework Guidelines

In accordance with Montgomery County guidelines, children in elementary school must be assigned homework between 3 and 5 nights per week. Homework assignments are at the discretion of the individual classroom teacher.

DURATION OF HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

If you feel that your child has worked diligently for a reasonable, concentrated amount of time and yet has not completed the homework assignment, you may permit your child to stop working and send a note to the teacher advising him/her of your child's effort.

COMPLETION OF HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

Completion and submission of homework is the student's responsibility. If your child forgets and leaves an assignment at home, please consider what actions on your part will best build the child's responsibility. We are working to build the habit of homework completion and submission. The more the child has the opportunity for "owning" the homework and the entire process, from getting the assignment to turning it in, the more he/she will learn. If the child does not have the homework with him/her on the day it is due, staff will apply natural and logical consequences to encourage responsibility. We do believe that it is the parents' job to know that the child had homework, that it was done, and that it is ready to be returned to school. If your child repeatedly fails to complete or return homework, please talk with his/her teacher about how best to build the child's responsibility. All questions about homework should be directed to your child's teacher.

Grades 2 – 5:

All homework should be completed independently. If a student needed help with a particular assignment, please send a note in to the teacher.

TIME ALLOTMENTS

The time allotted to homework will increase gradually from grade to grade. The following is a list of approximate daily time allotments (may vary according to day and /or assignment). Guidelines do not include basic math facts practice/independent reading. These times are approximate. Individual student's pace may need to be taken into consideration.

Guidelines

Grades K – 2 = 10 – 30 minutes

Grades 3 – 4 = 30 – 45 minutes

Grade 5 = Up to 60 minutes