

Homework Policy

Students: Practice makes permanent! Homework is the way you practice the skills you are learning in school. When you want to learn a sport, a musical instrument or even how to ride a bike, you practice, and we expect the same when it comes to academics.

Parents: Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher regarding homework! You may write a note in the planner or send an email anytime you have questions or concerns.

The following criteria should be followed in regards to homework at Stewart Elementary School:

- 1) A child should spend some time doing homework each evening. Daily progress on weekly assignments is an important part of staying on track.
- 2) Parents should provide a quiet, well-lit area for their student to study. Stay close by and monitor their progress, answering questions with questions to make your child think for his or herself.
- 3) Electronics (including television, computer, iPads, etc.) should not be on or nearby unless needed for the assignment. Soft music is acceptable if it is not distracting to the student.
- 4) If a child is absent from school for 1 day, expect to have 2 or 3 hours of extra homework to do to make up for the absence. Parents and students are responsible for checking with the teacher about missed work.

These are the recommended amounts of time that student's should spend each evening on homework:

***Other** might be research for Science/Culture or work that was not completed in class/homeroom

| Level | Age | Reading | Math | Other* | Total |
|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1 | 6-7 | 15 min | 15 min | 0 min | 30 min |
| 2 | 7-8 | 20 min | 20 min | 5 min | 45 min |
| 3 | 8-9 | 20 min | 25 min | 10 min | 55 min |
| 4 | 9-10 | 25 min | 30 min | 10 min | 65 min |
| 5 | 10-11 | 30 min | 35 min | 10 min | 75 min |
| 6 | 11-12 | 35 min | 35 min | 15 min | 85 min |

In addition to these times, all children should spend about 20 minutes per night reading for pleasure.

If you find that your child regularly needs much more or less time than that indicated above, it is the parent's responsibility to contact the teacher of the subject concerned. We do NOT want you to force your child to spend more than the times listed. Please contact the teacher who will work to help you to manage your child's homework.

We are here to help you and your child so let's work together.

We want to provide your child with a positive, successful school experience.

Remember: You are your child's first teacher.

You can teach your child to have a positive attitude about homework,
by maintaining a positive attitude yourself.

Please keep us informed and let us know how we can help.