



## ***Homework Policy***

Every Monday your child will receive a sheet with the homework assignments listed for the week. This will be in a folder which should be brought to school daily. Homework will be assigned nightly. It is not my intention to overwhelm your child with work. Hopefully their work will take about twenty minutes per night. As a parent and educator, I believe it is critical to your child's future success in school to set a consistent homework routine now!

Try to have a semi-quiet place for your child to work. It might be at the kitchen table as you prepare supper or right after supper is done. Maybe your child has a place in his or her room to work. It should *not* be in the room with the TV or where the rest of the family is doing something that seems much more entertaining to your child. If your child is easily distracted, have him work where you can gently redirect his attention back to the task if needed.

Reading and spelling homework will be assigned on Monday. It will be due on Friday! The idea here is to teach your child to do a little bit every night. For example, writing twenty sentences is pretty overwhelming in one evening, but five sentences a night is much more manageable. Sentences will not be assigned every week, but your child should practice a little each night.

Math homework will be assigned on Tuesday and Thursday nights. One assignment will usually focus on computation practice. The other will focus on the skill we are working on in class—graphing, measurement, money, time, problem solving, etc. *All assignments other than spelling will be due the following day.*

Language homework will be assigned on Wednesdays. This homework will review a particular skill that we have been working on in class such as identifying and punctuating types of sentences, adding adjectives to describe words, rules for capitalizing proper nouns, etc. *Again it will be due the following day.*

It is very important that your child learn that homework is not always written. *Studying is an important concept to teach your child.* Math facts should be studied nightly for a few minutes. The goal in second grade is *mastery* of addition and subtraction facts.

***Please check your child's homework every evening.*** This does not mean I want you to make all the corrections with your child. However, you might want to ask them to check it again if some items are incomplete or if there is no name on the paper. If you notice that the homework is messy or poorly done, say to your child, "Is this work done the way Mrs. Whitehead would expect?" If it isn't, please ask him what he thinks he could do to solve his problem. If he says, "Nothing.", perhaps you could give him some direction. It is important that your child see us as a team with similar expectations! I have no problem with work being redone on a different paper so that should not be an excuse. Please initial the homework sheet so I know you checked the work.

*By working together we can ensure that your child develops good study habits that will be beneficial all the way through school. Thank you in advance for your assistance!*