

HOMEWORK

Your child has been given a homework folder and an assignment sheet to record homework in daily. Nightly homework will consist of spelling, math, and reading. Occasionally students will have class assignments to finish at home. Please check your child's assignment sheet each night to verify that your child has completed his/her homework and check the folder for any school notices. We hope this will be a useful tool for home/school communication and assisting students in being organized and responsible. Please place any notes that you may have for us or the office in your child's homework folder. You may also reach us at school by phone or email with any questions that you may have about your child's assignments.

MATH: Students will have a math practice assignment each night. They will be expected to show their work, check their answers each morning, and then fix any problems that they got incorrect. Sometimes math assignments will be a review of the concepts in Everyday Math for all students. Assignments may also be individualized to meet specific student needs. Math homework will count for 20% of the overall math grade.

SPELLING: Students should study their spelling words each night and will be tested on Friday. Some students may find it helpful to write out the words each night, while other students might prefer to have someone test them orally. For students who enjoy working on the computer, they can practice their weekly spelling words on the website: www.spellingcity.com.

INDEPENDENT READING EXPECTATIONS:

Students are expected to read each night for 20 to 30 minutes in a literature selection of their choice in addition to reading in class. Students will be given time in class each week to update their reading logs. Independent reading will count for 20% of the quarterly reading grade. Below are grading criteria for the week, the quarter and the year.

The yearly goal for sixth graders is 25 books and 3000 pages.

	Difficulty	Weekly Amount	Quarterly Amount	Yearly Amount
Advanced	Challenging	More than 95 pages	More than 750 pages 6+books	More than 3000 pages/ 25 + books
Proficient	At Independent Level	75-95 pages	600-750 pages / 5 books	2400-3000 pages / 20 books
Basic	Near Ind. Level	60-74 pages	450-600 pages /4 books	1800-2400 pages / 16 books
Novice	Easy	Less than 60 pages	Less than 450 pages 3 books	Less than 1800 pages /12 books

OTHER: In addition to completing the math and language arts assignments, please check the assignment sheet for other reminders to study for a test, work on a project, or finish a class assignment.