

Third Grade Homework Guidelines

September 12th, 2011

Dear Families,

This week we officially begin the homework routine. There is a **"third grade homework contract"** for you to sign in a plastic sheet protector in your child's homework binder. Please sign it and put it back in the sleeve. **Please check your child's homework binder daily.** All communication that comes from the school office or from me will be in your child's "to home" section of their homework folder. Also, any notes from home, lunch/snack money, book orders, or returned forms should be placed in the "to school" section of your child's homework folder. Every Monday your child will receive a **"homework log"** for the week. **It is important that you check this log every night as there are often special reminders to parents.** Also, students should check off each assignment as they complete it (in the "student check-off" box). This log must be kept in your child's home/school folder for the week, as I will be checking it daily as part of their morning routine. It must be signed by a parent or guardian and handed in each Friday.

Reading Homework:

Reading can be done from "just right" books you already have at home or from books brought home from our school's Learning Center. The title of the book your child reads for homework (and number of minutes read) must be recorded on the "homework log" (M-TH). At the third grade level, many kids are able to read silently. However, listening to your child read every night is certainly a special time to spend together, not to mention an excellent opportunity for you to "check in" on their reading progress.

Math Homework -

Each night your child will be expected to complete a math skill sheet or "Home Link". All math assignments should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. We will start math homework next week.

Word Study Homework -

After the NECAP testing, your child will be bringing home a collection of spelling words weekly that have been introduced in class. You may discover that some of the words may be repeated from last year. This is because your child's assessment showed that they need additional practice with certain spelling features.

Each night of the week, in a special word study notebook, your child is expected to do a different activity. Your child will need to cut out their word lists on Mondays and keep them in the **brown envelope provided to reuse throughout the year**. I will send the envelope and the notebook home when we begin word study homework. All word study homework assignments should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. **Word Study notebooks need to come back to school each day to be checked.**

Homework provides an opportunity for reinforcement of skills being taught; however, I certainly don't want it to become an added stress in your already busy lives. Therefore, please keep me informed if you ever experience any issues around homework. I understand that there are going to be those nights where it may be impossible to complete homework for whatever reason. Remember that "golden tickets" can be used for these times. Or, if your child doesn't have a golden ticket to cash in, just jot me a note on the homework log. Homework can always be made up over the course of the week or weekend. As you know, a quiet environment (with a consistent location) is recommended. Your support in helping your child complete homework assignments on time is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions at all about any of the above information, please contact me by voice mail (878-1384) or e-mail (mpeet@ccsuvt.org).

Thanks!

Mary Peet ☺