

Brazos Bend Elementary -Homework Plan

The purpose for assigning homework is to give students the opportunity to extend lessons, practice skills, engage in critical thinking and develop good work habits. Homework can also serve as one form of communication between the teacher and the family. It is important that homework does not add stress to family life. Therefore, it is up to the student, family, and teacher to share the responsibilities for homework. Homework is an important part of each student's academic year.

Student's Responsibilities:

- To understand all homework assignments by listening to directions, asking questions when something is unclear, and reading directions
- To gather all materials necessary to complete assignments before leaving the classroom
- To complete all assignments to the best of his/her ability
- To return materials and assignments on time
- To make up any missed homework that the teacher requires

Family's Responsibilities:

- To provide a routine and environment that is conducive to doing homework (i.e. a quiet and consistent place and time, necessary materials, etc.)
- To offer assistance to the student, but not do the actual homework
- To check that your child has edited his/her homework for spelling (Kindergarten and First Graders may use invented spelling as appropriate), punctuation, neatness, etc.
- To notify the teacher when homework presents a problem
- To read school notices and respond in a timely manner. Homework and school notices will travel home in the student's weekly folder. Regular backpack clean-ups can be useful in helping students to organize their materials.

Teacher's Responsibilities:

- To provide purposeful homework
- To provide clear directions and instructions
- To implement a system for routinely checking homework
- To communicate to the student and family what is expected for completing homework successfully
- To communicate with families when students are not consistently completing assignments

Homework includes reading every night as we help each student develop the habit of being a lifelong reader. Written assignments over the course of a week may include a balance of assignments in other content areas such as writing, spelling, math, social studies, science, and long-term projects.

Recommended Time Allotments for Homework

The amount of time it takes each student to complete homework assignments will vary. The following chart indicates what we believe is approximately the appropriate amount of time for children in each grade to spend on homework. If your child diligently does his/her homework for the maximum allotted time and does not complete it, you may write a note to the teacher explaining the situation. If this is an on-going problem, please make arrangements to talk to the teacher. If your child thoroughly and neatly completes the homework very quickly and you believe that your child needs additional homework, extra reading or writing in a notebook, or additional practice with mathematic skills is recommended.

Listed below are approximate times needed to complete homework at each grade level. Please note: Times may vary based on individual student needs. Grade levels assign specific subject area homework on the days listed below.

Grade	Math	Reading	Science/SS	Total
Kindergarten	Open	Monday- Wednesday	Integrated	15 minutes
First	Wednesday	Monday-Thursday	Integrated	30 minutes
Second	Monday	Wednesday	Tues., Thurs.	35 minutes
Third	Monday, Wednesday	Tuesday, Thursday	Integrated	40-45 minutes
Fourth	Monday- Thursday	Monday, Thursday	Tues., Wed.	45-60 minutes
Fifth	Monday - Thursday	Monday/Wednesday	Tues., Thurs.	60-70 minutes