

Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda U.F.S.D

Elementary Homework Information

Objectives:

Homework is the extension of learning experiences initiated in and continued beyond the classroom. Concepts taught in the classroom are reinforced through homework. Homework may involve written or student assignments that students do on their own time. It may be a tool whereby parents can participate in the student's learning experience. The practice of assigning homework is strongly encouraged and supported by the Board of Education.

The specific objectives of homework may vary at grade levels but generally include these purposes:

- Extend the concept of learning beyond good study habits
- Nurture the development of good study skills
- Encourage the use of independent research skills
- Promote student independence, responsibility and self-discipline
- Develop a feeling of accomplishment and a positive self-image
- Reinforce and enrich learning
- Provide preparation for subsequent lessons
- Provide for immediate reinforcement of classroom instruction
- Provide opportunities for drill and practice
- Serve as a means of review of classroom work
- Provide the teacher with an ongoing assessment of student progress

Teacher Responsibilities

- Inform students and parents of the District's policy as well as inform them of your own guidelines
- Provide meaningful tasks that enrich and supplement work introduced during class time
- Strive to individualize assignments where necessary
- Guide students in completing assignments within time limits
- Evaluate and provide feedback on assigned homework
- Initiate communication with parents when appropriate
- Realize that extenuating circumstances occasionally arise preventing the completion of homework

Recommended Homework Assignments for Elementary School

Grade	Frequency	Maximum Amount
K-1	1 to 3 times a week	15 minutes a day
2-3	2 to 3 times a week	30 minutes a day
4-5	3 to 5 time a week	60 minutes a day