

K-6 Homework Guidelines

Purpose

- Research shows value of assigning homework in grades K – 3 is primarily in the establishment of routines and structure
- In grades 4 – 6, homework begins to have a small academic impact (the achievement percentile gain is approximately 6% when homework is used effectively)
- Be thoughtful about homework assignments

Amount

- Maximum time spend on homework in one night should be 10 minutes per grade Level: 1st grade = 10 minutes, 2nd grade = 20 minutes, etc.
- This time allotment includes any assigned independent reading
- Ensure that this maximum time cap is communicated at back to school night & newsletters; establishing a procedure for parents to follow when students become frustrated or reach the time cap in also beneficial

Content

- Students should be able to complete assigned homework independently
- All assignments should have rationale and purpose that is clear to students and parents
- Review of homework during class time should be limited to 5 minutes whole group or occur during small group instruction and reteaching