

## **Homework Assignments**

1<sup>st</sup> grade homework encourages students to become organized and responsible. It sets the foundation for the routine of homework for the future. We suggest setting up a quiet area in your home specifically dedicated as a study area. Make sure that supplies needed for homework are readily available, such as pencils, erasers, crayons, markers, math supplies, scissors and glue.

Help your child get started, making sure that they understand the directions, but let them do the homework independently. When they have completed the assignment, please check the homework with your child. Correct any mistakes together since immediate feedback is powerful and creates a “teachable moment.” And remember that neatness counts. Also make sure that your child’s name is on each assignment.

Homework packets will be assigned at the beginning of October. Keep in mind that homework is meant to supplement and reinforce the skills being taught in the classroom. The assignments are geared for the “average” first-grader. The recommendation for 1<sup>st</sup> grade is 15 minutes per night of homework. This does not include an additional 15-20 minutes of independent reading practice each night. Some students will go through the assignments faster than others. Extension activities will be included for those students who want a challenge.

However some students may find that they need more than 15 minutes a night to complete homework. If this happens, please notify your teacher so that you can work together to modify the assignment.

A homework packet will be assigned on Mondays and will be due on Fridays. Usually there will be four assignments, covering language arts, reading, math, science or social studies. The Reading Response Log should be returned each week along with the homework packet.