

# WOODROE WOODS SCHOOL HOMEWORK POLICY

While we recognize the necessity to limit the amount of homework assigned to allow our students to participate in any extra-curricular activities of their choice and spend family time, we believe that homework is an important extension of the educational process that starts in class.

We assign homework because it:

- supports organizational skills
- helps develop self-discipline skills
- increases time management skills
- encourages responsible choices
- improves memory
- affords additional practice in the skills and concepts learned in class

Due dates for single assignments and homework packets will be determined by individual teachers.

## **DURATION:**

We adhere to the following guidelines:

Grade	Written Homework	Reading
Kindergarten	10 minutes	10 minutes (parent reading to the child and/or child reading when appropriate)
1 <sup>st</sup>	15 minutes	15 minutes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	20 minutes	20 minutes
3 <sup>rd</sup>	20 minutes	20 minutes
4 <sup>th</sup>	30 minutes	30 minutes
5 <sup>th</sup>	30 minutes	30 minutes

Homework does not need to be completed all at once. Some children benefit from a break between tasks, while others prefer minimal interruptions. We suggest deciding together with your child what is the best strategy for your particular case, and then helping maintain consistency.

## **ENVIRONMENT:**

We encourage families to set up a homework area in your home that is quiet, organized, comfortable, and free of distractions. Make sure that study tools, including a dictionary, are readily available to the student, to keep him focused on homework.

## **ASSIGNMENTS DESCRIPTION:**

A variety of assignments may be given, including worksheets, journal writing, reading, observations, research, etc.

- Each week, homework will include:
  - Reading.
  - Vocabulary/Spelling. Repetition is key to mastering vocabulary and spelling.
  - Math. Math facts memorization and math concepts practice.
- Homework may also include practice or a project from another subject.

## **PARENT INVOLVEMENT:**

Homework assigned reflects work that has previously been explored in class, therefore children should be able to complete their work mostly independently. Parent assistance may be appropriate depending on the complexity of the assignment, in the case of large-scale projects, in accordance with the developmental level of the child, or for younger students. Regardless, please let your student give homework a try on her own before intervening. If students are unable to complete most homework assignments independently, if they spend more than the suggested time, or if you have any concerns, please contact your teacher promptly. It is our goal to make the homework experience as productive and stress-free as possible.