

Homework Policy

Dear 1st Grade Families, McKelvey First Grade teachers all follow the same homework policy which includes an emphasis on reading at least 10 minutes every night plus either Word Work or Math. This provides students with the opportunity to grow as readers & reinforces the other skills we are learning at school.

**At least 10 minutes of reading each night**: Students will take home 1 “just right” book every night. These books are chosen by the student & are on the student’s individual reading level. Your 1st grader will be responsible for reading their book & talking about it with a family member. This nightly homework will provide students with an authentic way to practice what we are working on at school.

Please keep our library full of books & encourage your 1st grader to return their book every day. If a student forgets to return the book, they will have to wait until it is returned to take home a new book. I will provide a homework bag to keep the books in. Please return the books & the bag together. One idea that works for many families is to keep their homework bag & book inside their book bag when they are not reading it.

**Work pages to be completed & turned in the next day:**

On Mondays & Wednesdays each student will bring home a Word Work page. Tuesdays & Thursdays a Math page will be sent home. Each homework page is to be completed with help as needed from an adult & turned in the next day. These pages will always be a review of a skill learned earlier in the week.

Below there is a place for you & your child to commit to working together to adhere to this homework policy. Contact your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your cooperation & support!

Sincerely, Your 1st Grade Team

**Parents:**

I have read the attached letter regarding 1st grade homework & I will encourage my child to complete homework daily.

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**Student:**

I will do my best to be responsible by completing my homework each night.

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