



## ***2012 – 2013 Homework Framework for Grade 5***

We appreciate the Home School Connection and know that families want to assist in their child's educational journey. What is expected of children in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century is different than in the past and always evolving. The focus is on the process of learning and the persistence to work through roadblocks. We thought specific guidelines and expectations would be helpful at home.

### **Purpose of Homework**

- Develop positive work habits and learning independence
- Reinforce previously learned skills
- Practice of taught skills
- Review for assessments

### **Time Frame for Homework**

Homework should average about 45 - 60 minutes a night Monday through Thursday evenings (weekend homework may be given on occasion). This is approximately 20 minutes per assignment, but some assignments may take more or less. If your child is taking too much time on a math assignment, please use the red line policy explained below. Long-term projects will be assigned throughout the school year.

### **What If We Struggle at Home?**

**Red Line Policy for Math:** If your child has made a reasonable attempt to complete their math homework, but an assignment is taking over 20 minutes, we ask that you stop your student. Please draw a red line where they stopped and sign the paper so we know they tried but were unable to complete the assignment. We will review the assignment in class to try and identify and correct the misunderstanding.

### **Does Homework Impact Classroom Grades?**

Homework is included as part of the effort grade but does not figure into your child's letter grade. However, students who regularly do not complete their homework will not be prepared for tests and quizzes, which do affect their grade. Please help us encourage your child to complete homework regularly.

### **How Can You Help at Home?**

- **Look at the agenda book to review assigned work, and sign the book once the work is complete**
- **Provide consistent structure (time and place) for homework to be completed**
- **Encourage independence and responsibility**
- **Answer questions with a question**
- **Your child should have a homework buddy to contact if he/she is unsure about an assignment**
- **Foster your child's natural curiosity**