



HOMWORK POLICIES

2017/2018 School Year

As we begin our 154th school year, it is important that all students and parents are fully aware of each grade levels' homework policies. Teachers have worked hard to develop policies that are development appropriate for the students in their respective classrooms. Questions on our policies should be directed to specific classroom teachers. Thank you for being a part of the SPLS family!

Homework Guidelines

Children are expected to prepare their work neatly, accurately, completely, and to submit their assignments on time. Parents should show an interest and concern in their child's work by frequently discussing it with him or her and by being willing to assist them with their work.

Grade levels will determine their individual consequences for incomplete or late homework. Penalties will not exceed a 50% reduction for one day late. Homework two or more days late may be counted as a zero (0). Additionally, recess time may be removed from students who have difficulty completing homework assignments on time. Parents will be notified through a referral, phone call, or email every day that their children miss homework assignments. If a referral is sent home, the referral is to be returned the next day with a parent signature. Children are given opportunities to complete many of their assignments in school. In cases where a child seems to bring home a large amount of work, parents should arrange to discuss this condition with the classroom teacher.

Typically, homework should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes per grade level. For example, a kindergarten student should typically not have more than fifteen (15) minutes of homework and an seventh grade student should typically not have more than two hours of homework. Keep in mind, this is only a guide and may vary from day to day and from student to student. All make-up work must be done to the satisfaction of the homeroom teacher.

Make-up Assignments and Tests

Students who are absent from school, whether such absences are excused or unexcused, are expected to independently make up any work missed during the absence. All students will be given the opportunity to make up work missed due to absence in accordance with the following guidelines:

- The student or the parent shall contact the teacher(s) to make arrangements for making up work missed during an absence from school.
- Teachers will provide a time schedule (days of absence plus additional time) for completion of work missed due to absence.
- Tests missed due to an excused absence can be taken at a reasonable time mutually agreed upon by teacher and student.

Kindergarten

Students are responsible for completing letter/sight word homework by Friday of each week. If the homework is not returned by Friday, students will have a grace period over the weekend to complete the work. The work must be returned by Monday or the student will remain inside for the first recess of the day to complete the assigned work.

First Grade

Students will receive one free homework pass each quarter. Once the free homework pass has been used, the following consequences are enforced for additional missing homework assignments:

- 2nd Missing Assignment: Five minutes off recess, and must finish work
- 3rd Missing Assignment: Five minutes off recess, and must finish work
- 4th Missing Assignment: Ten minutes off recess, and must finish work
- 5th Missing Assignment: Loss of one recess, and must finish work
- 6th Missing Assignment: Meeting with child, teacher, parents, and administration
- 7th Missing Assignment: Meeting with child, teacher, parents, and administration

Second Grade

Students will receive grace for the first two missing homework assignments. At the third missing assignments, and any additional assignments during that quarter, students will receive a grade of zero. If the missing assignment is returned to school, the zero will be will then be edited. At the beginning of each quarter, students start with a fresh slate.

Third Grade

Students will be allowed to hand in late assignments on the following day. If this does not happen, missing assignments will be completed during recess. Students will still be granted partial recess time. If homework is still late after two days, students will stay in at recess to work on completing the past due assignments, and parents will be contacted. Points will still not be deducted from the homework assignments. After three days, missing assignments will each be recorded as zero. Students may get partial credit if these are handed in by the end of the week.

Fourth Grade

Students will lose fifteen minutes of recess time for assignments not completed on time. Students who have four or more incomplete assignments in any given quarter will be required to serve an after school detention in the fourth grade classroom until 4:00pm on an agreed upon date.

Fifth Grade

Homework is turned in daily, and if incomplete, time is given to correct at recess. Three missing assignments in a two week period results in an after school detention.

Sixth Grade

Students are expected to complete and turn in the assigned homework when it is due. If students do not complete homework, they will complete the assigned work at recess. Students who fail to achieve a 70% will need to do corrections before going out to recess. This penalty may be waived, at teacher discretion, with a homework pass or a note from a parent or by talking with the teacher before the tardy bell.

Seventh and Eighth Grade

Students will receive a 20% reduction in score for assignments turned in one day late. Assignments turned in two or more days late will receive additional reductions. Please know that there are no guarantees of accepting any assignments more than one day late.