

Greenwood Elementary Student and Family Handbook

2023-24

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Welcome!

Welcome to Greenwood Elementary School. This handbook was created by staff to answer your questions. If you are unable to find what you need, please call the front desk at 206-252-1400 or contact any staff member (Directory on page 4).

Have a great year!

Greenwood Elementary School
(Main office on the second floor)

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Main Office Phone: 206-252-1400

Attendance Line Open 24 hours: 206-252-1404

Main Office E-Mail: greenwood.attendance@seattleschools.org

<http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/greenwood/>

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the intellectual, physical, and social emotional development of each child through collaboration, arts, and academics.

Vision:

Greenwood STAR (Safe, Team player, Aware, Resilient) students will go on to be community-minded critical thinkers who practice reflection, compassion, and cooperation to create a more just, anti-racist, and identity-affirming world.

Mission:

Greenwood is committed to providing an inclusive, high-quality education for students in our community. We support

Who's Who at Greenwood / Directory

More information about our school, including staff photos, can be found on our website at <https://greenwoodes.seattleschools.org/>

Contact Information

The staff is always happy to hear from parents and guardians. Please understand, however, that their first priority each day is to be with the students. If you call or e-mail, staff will make every effort to reply by the end of the following day. If your message is urgent, it should be directed to the main office.

The staff at Greenwood care for and believe that you and your child are important. We want and need to partner with you, but knowing that staff are also focusing on the needs of other students, please limit communications with staff to 1x/week.

Voice mail and email addresses are listed here for all staff members. Your child's classroom teacher may express a preference for how to be contacted. If so, please respect their request.

Administrative & Support Staff

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The School Day

Transportation

Students who live less than one mile from school are required to walk or are driven by their families. Bicycling is allowed if students wear helmets, follow safety guidelines, and lock their bicycles to one of the racks at school (see Riding Apparatus p. 12).

Adult Safety Patrol crossing guards will be on duty at NW 80th/Greenwood Ave N and 1st NW and NW 80th/3rd NW.

When coming to or from school, drivers should drive east and park on NW 81st or use the drive-through lane off of NW 80th, avoiding the parking lot lane. There is no parking in the drive-through lane. Cars will not be allowed to stop in the bus zone on 1st NW and should avoid driving on this block to minimize congestion and increase safety. Please drive slowly and be considerate of our school neighbors!

Students who ride a school bus will receive notification from the School District Transportation Office regarding their pick-up and drop-off times and locations. If you have questions about bus service, please call the Transportation Office at 206-252-0900.

Students who want to ride a bus other than their own, or get off at a different stop, must bring a signed note from home and get a yellow card from the office to present to the driver. Students should take notes to the Main Office before school or during morning recess and pick up cards in the office at the end of lunch recess.

Morning Arrival

Playground supervision begins at 7:30 am. Please do not bring students to school before this time.

School officially begins at 7:55 am. Students are expected to remain outside and line up on the playground when the first bell rings at 7:50 am.

The Library and classrooms are not open before school. Students are to stay outside until the first bell unless they are going to cafeteria for breakfast.

Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:50 am. The price for a student breakfast is \$2.25.

Classes begin on time each day. Please make every effort to have your student at school on time. Students who arrive late must go to the main office and check in before going to their classrooms to receive a pink slip.

If your student is going to be absent, you must contact the school office. Please call the attendance line at 206-252-1404. This line is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. We appreciate calls before school begins. Children who have had a fever, vomiting, or diarrhea in the past 24 hours should remain home.

Recess

Kindergarten and 1st grade classes have a morning, lunch, and afternoon recess. Grades 2-5 have two recesses per day.

Please send your child to school in clothing and shoes suitable for active play outdoors. **Personal toys and sports equipment are often a distraction and should be left at home.**

Lunch

After participating in 20 minutes of lunch recess, students are to stay inside to eat lunch for 20 minutes.

The price of a student lunch with milk is \$3.25.

Any family that may be eligible for free lunches should fill out a confidential application (available on our website or in the main office) as soon as possible.

Culinary Services offers a variety of convenient ways to pay for school meals.

- Checks and cash are accepted by the school's Lunchroom Manager either as a pre-paid deposit to a student's account or for purchasing milk. Checks should be made payable to Culinary Services.

Student meals can be paid for with a credit card online at [Pay Pams](#).

PayPams requires the Student's ID number or meal account 4-digit PIN number (provided by the school) to create an account. The Student ID number can be found by accessing [The Source](#).

If students forget their lunch and money, they will be offered a sun butter sandwich, fruit, vegetables, and milk for **up to three days** only.

If you pack your student a lunch, please try to avoid large or caffeinated drinks, large quantities of candy, or food to share with other children. There is absolutely no sharing of food between students. There is a sharing table for students to place excess food. This sharing table is available for students to select from when wanting additional food to eat.

Afternoon Departure

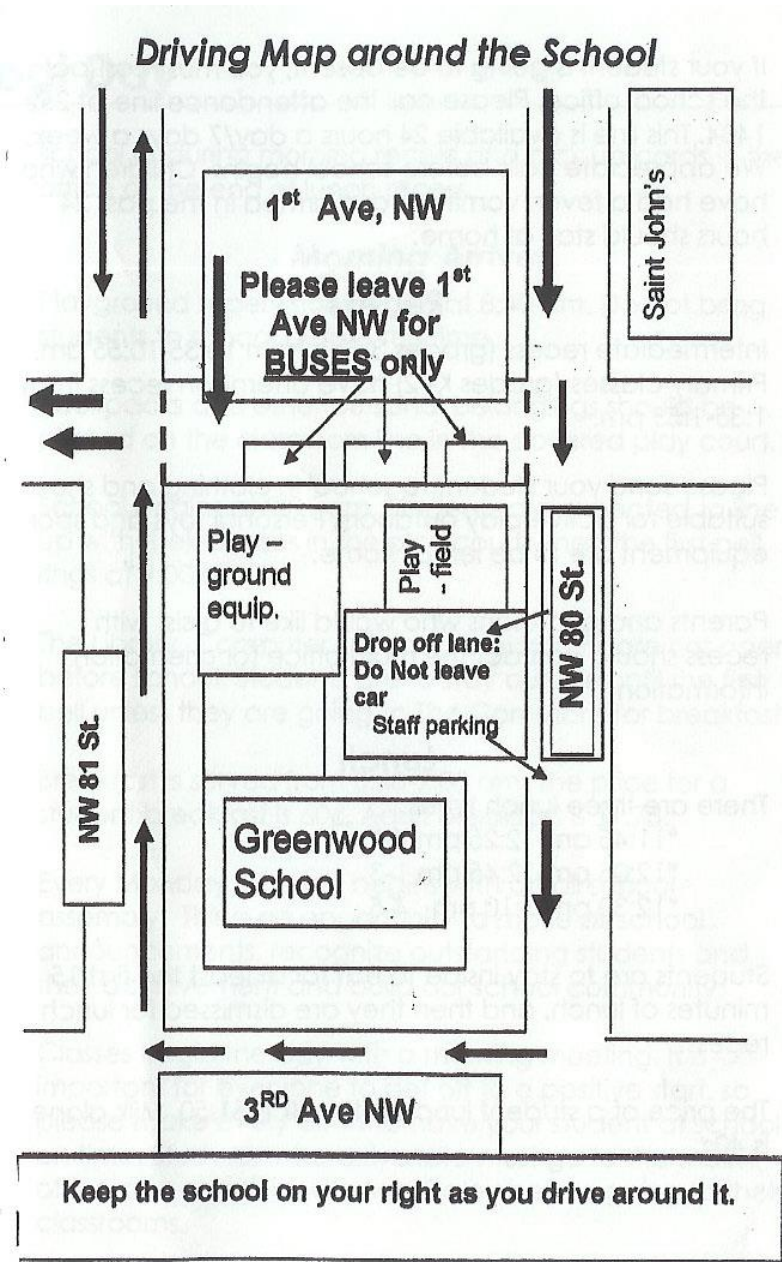
Families should wait for students on the blacktop near their classroom line. School is dismissed at 2:25 pm. On Wednesdays (early dismissal day), students are excused at 1:10 pm. Teachers will walk their classes to the bus lines or meet their families. Staff will remain on the playground until the bus has left the school. Monitor the weekly newsletter, the Star Scoop, for details about after-school activities.

If your student is getting dismissed or picked up differently that day, notify the teacher and office by email or phone.

Drop off/Pick up Directions

If you are driving to drop off or pick up a student, for the safety of all students, please keep the following in mind:

- Please drive around the school in a clockwise direction. By keeping the school on your right you will be doing this. This is especially important on NW 81st because there is limited space for cars to pass in both directions.
- **DROP OFF LANE:** Use the drop off lane off of NW 80th to drop off or pick up your student before and after school. **Do not leave your car unattended in the drop off lane.**
- **PARKING LOT:** The parking lot is for parking only. The parking lot is NOT a safe drop off zone.
- **NW 81ST STREET:** Use NW 81st Street for parking. Please do not drop students off in the middle of the block or street. NW 81st St. is not a safe drop-off zone. Head east on NW 81st towards Greenwood Avenue.
- **BUS LANE ON 1ST AVE. NW:** Please avoid using 1st Ave NW between NW 81st and NW 80th because the bus loads and unloads there.



Social & Emotional Intelligence Behavior Expectations

In the 2023-24 school year, Greenwood will continue implementing the following systems to enhance the overall growth and well-being of our students.

Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS)

MTSS is a whole-school, data-driven, prevention-based framework for improving learning outcomes for every student through a layered continuum of evidence-based practices and systems. Part of MTSS consists of providing Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) for students and staff.

Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

PBIS is a process for creating school environments that are more predictable and effective for achieving academic and social goals. Implementing PBIS will help our school develop a common understanding and language to provide more consistency in school expectations for students, staff and parents.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

We focus on the six [SEL](#) Skills identified by [WA Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#), including:

1. Self-Awareness
Identify one's emotions, personal assets, areas for growth, and potential external resources and supports
2. Self-Management
Regulating emotions, thoughts, and behaviors
3. Self-Efficacy
Motivating oneself to persevere, and see oneself as capable

4. Social Awareness
Taking the perspective of and empathizing with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures
5. Social Management
Making safe and constructive choices about personal behavior and social interactions
6. Social Engagement
Considering others and showing a desire to contribute to the well-being of school and community

We use a number of programs to support Social Emotional Learning, including:

- [RULER](#)
- [Second Step](#)

Second Step

Teachers in grades K-5 use the Second Step approach to teaching empathy, conflict resolution, and anger management. Students learn to use the following steps when solving problems:

1. What is the problem?
2. What are some solutions?
3. For each solution ask:
 - Is it safe?
 - How might people feel?
 - Is it fair?
 - Will it work?
4. Choose a solution and use it.
5. Is it working? If not, what can I do now?

Behavior Expectations

The following outline includes the behavior expectations we have for everyone at Greenwood School. Four basic ideas guide all we do and say at Greenwood. We are STARS!

Safe
Team Player
Aware
Resilient

Being a STAR applies to all areas of school life, as shown below:

Hall/Galleries Expectations

- You are in the hall for a purpose
- Use quiet voices
- Stay in your personal space
- Respect artwork and displays
- While working in the hall, keep walkways clear
- Respect people working in the halls
- Be friendly without disturbing others

Greenwood Cafeteria/Lunchroom Expectations

- Use a conversational talking voice volume
- Sit at your table and stay in your own place with both legs under the table
- Clean your area
- Everyone eats their own lunch
- Food stays in the cafeteria

Recess Expectations

- Play safely and respectfully
- Include one another
- Take turns and share
- Respond to adults in a respectful manner

- Use equipment responsibly

Bus Expectations

- Use polite voice
- Stay seated
- Listen respectfully to driver's instructions
- All body parts and objects stay inside the bus
- While waiting in the bus line, listen respectfully to instructions from staff members
- Be positive and friendly in line
- Set a good example!

Anti-Bullying

Students will be taught skills and anti-bullying strategies. Bullying is defined as any abuse of power by an individual or group who deliberately targets others for repeated physical or psychological abuse. Students learn to recognize, refuse, and report bullying behavior. Any student or parent who is concerned about bullying should feel free to contact your child's classroom teacher.

Weapons Policy

Weapons and weapon-like toys are strictly prohibited. In compliance with District regulations, Greenwood has a no-tolerance policy in regard to weapons, firearms, mace, knives of any sort, or weapon-like toys or instruments. Weapons include any object that could reasonably be used to inflict serious bodily injury. In fact, elementary students are more likely to be expelled for the use of objects that are not usually thought of as weapons, such as scissors, sharp pencils, rocks, or sticks. Any student using such an object to threaten, harm, or

found to be carrying any weapon faces immediate suspension or expulsion.

Dress Guidelines

Students must wear:

- Top (shirt, sweater, sweatshirt, tank, etc.)
- Bottom (pants, shorts, skirt, dress, etc.)
- Footwear (no Heelys)

Shoes should be safe for running during PE, on the playground, and for going up and down stairs.

Hats are allowed in and around the building. Wearing hats in the classroom is at teacher's discretion.

Personal Technology Policy

Personal technology devices include cell phones, smart phones, smart watches, step counters, etc.

- Students bring devices to school at their own risk. Student cell phones should remain at home unless families need their child to have a cell phone in order to contact them after school. Families wanting to contact their child for an emergency or to leave a message, should call the main office at 206-252-1400.
- Devices that are capable of calling, taking photos, texting, and playing games/music (phones and smart watches) should be turned off and stored away in a

backpack during the school day. Backpacks are to remain in the classroom during the school day.

- Staff will confiscate all such devices if students use them during the school day on school property and the student is responsible to retrieve them at the end of the day.
- If students need to contact parents they must first check in with their teacher and may be permitted to go to the office to contact their family for emergency purposes only. This can include important forgotten items from home, but not playdate arrangements.
- Fitbits/pedometers are allowed if they don't have calling, texting, etc. capabilities.
- Devices that are capable of calling, taking photos, texting, and playing games/music (phones and smart watches) may be permitted if included in an Individualized Education Plan (IEP).

Riding to School

We encourage students to walk or ride to school for greater health benefits. If students use wheels for transportation such as scooters, bicycles, skateboards, roller skates etc., it must be kept outside and preferably locked. **Upon arrival or dismissal, everyone must walk their wheels on or off the playground.** Also, the school will not be responsible for lost or stolen equipment. Students and families are responsible for any wheels brought to school.

Resources

Special Education - Resource

Our Special Education Resource Teacher, Amie Santiago, and Instructional Assistant Reid Smith, provide specialized instruction to students with disabilities in order to help them succeed at school. They can be reached at 206-252-1431.

School Nurse

The School Nurse, Twinkle Ramos, will be at Greenwood every Tuesday and Thursday, and every other Wednesday. On other days Ms. Palmer and Ms. Alice will help students with first aid and health needs.

Students who need to take any prescription or over-the-counter medications while at school must have an authorization form on file in the office. The most potent medicines that can be administered without this form are band-aids and ice packs and warm water bottles.

The nurse carries out various health screenings during the course of the year. If you suspect that your child might need hearing or sight tests, the nurse can assist you. The voicemail number is 206-252-1407.

Student Care Coordinator

Kim Kotovic is the Student Care Coordinator (SCC) who works with a number of families to better meet their basic needs.

The SCC coordinates with our Social Worker, Darryl James, and works as a liaison to assist families at Greenwood with resource and referral information related to basic needs, school district and community programs. This involves clothing for

school children (including shoes), school supplies, and sometimes assisting other needs. The voicemail number is 206-252-1406.

School Psychologist

Our psychologist, Chelsea Barduson evaluates students with academic and/or emotional needs who may qualify for additional assistance. The voicemail number is 206-252-1392.

Speech, OT, PT Therapist

Naomi Forsberg provides speech therapy to students who qualify. For information about evaluation or therapy services, please call her voicemail at 206-252-1421.

Olivia Nielson and Jen Stewart provide OT and PT to students who qualify. For information about evaluation or therapy services, please call them at 206-252-1392

After School Care

For the most up-to-date list of off-site after school providers, go to our school website at

<https://greenwoodes.seattleschools.org/student-life/before-and-after-school-care/>.

Nurturing Knowledge provides on-site before and after-school care and preschool at Greenwood School. Their facility is located on the 1st floor, with a separate entrance near the corner of NW 81st Street and Third Avenue NW.

For more information about their schedules and rates, please contact the Director at 206-940-5032 or go to their website at www.nurturingknowledge.org.

Early Learning - Developmental Preschool and PCIS

Our Developmental Preschool Program provides a safe and caring learning environment that stimulates the cognitive, communicative, social, emotional, and physical development of young children ages 3-5. The program is committed to providing an environment that includes children of differing abilities in a warm, nurturing classroom setting. Several of our classes are blended to include children who have special learning needs alongside their community peers who are typically developing. We include large and small group activities, play, music, snack and daily outdoor play. The curriculum, materials, activities and teaching methods are individually adapted to support all aspects of children's development.

The morning preschool operates everyday except Wednesday, following the Seattle Public Schools calendar. Staff include Special Education Teachers, Speech Therapists, Physical and Occupational Therapists and Instructional Assistants. In addition to the preschool program, our Preschool Continuum of Intensive Services (PCIS) provides an extended highly specialized learning environment for children who qualify.

For enrollment information for community peers, please contact Jill Landback at 206-252-1426, or Jenn Cooper at 206-252-1424. If you are concerned for a preschooler with a possible delay in development, please contact Early Learning at 206-252-0805 or childfind@seattleschools.org.

Programs

Library

The Greenwood School Library is open to all school families. Library volunteers are welcome, especially those who are willing and able to commit to a regular weekly time to shelve books.

Music/Dance

Greenwood School maintains a commitment to integrating the arts into every student's education. Artist in residence is funded by the PTA and provides activities such as music and dance.

Internet Access

Every student will have access to the Internet in classrooms, and at the Library. The School District uses an Internet filter that blocks the majority of sites inappropriate for student use. In addition, school staff will teach responsible Internet use and supervise students to the extent practical.

Physical Education

All students can succeed and improve in Greenwood Physical Education. Our P.E. program is health-oriented and fun for every ability level. Students learn and practice sport and movement skills, fitness concepts, and important social skills. Health concepts such as nutrition and heart health are integrated into active, fun lessons throughout the year.

Family Involvement / Communication

Visiting the School

Families are always welcome at Greenwood School. For the protection of our students, all visitors are required to check in at the main office and wear a nametag. Please be considerate of the staff and understand that unplanned visits can be disruptive. Younger siblings are welcome to visit with you.

Greenwood Parent Involvement

We welcome active parent/family involvement in classrooms, at extracurricular activities, at special events, and in decision-making. We recognize the diversity of our community and are committed to creating a culturally inclusive school-family partnership to maximize the success of every student.

Volunteering

Greenwood School welcomes parents and community volunteers. All volunteers must be screened online at: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/>. We appreciate classroom assistants, small group leaders, one-on-one tutors, field trip chaperones, and playground supervisors.

Volunteer Expectations

- Sign in and out in the Main Office
- Wear a nametag whenever you are at school
- Please do not share information about students you are assisting. Confidentiality is important!
- The classroom teacher will guide your activities while volunteering. You are here to help them! Be sure the teacher knows what your talents and interests are and how you may be able to assist.

- It is important to treat all students fairly. If you think it will be a problem for you to work with your own child, feel free to help in another classroom.
- Be familiar with the Greenwood School Behavior Expectations and help all students remember how to be a positive part of our community.
- Make a commitment to regular volunteering. Give the teacher advance notice if you won't be able to make it at the expected time. Sign in and out each time you come to school.

We Appreciate You!!

Building Leadership Team

The Building Leadership Team (BLT) is a site-based advisory committee made up of staff and parents. The BLT is responsible for overseeing the building's CSIP (Continuous School Improvement Plan), Professional Development, and Building Budget. For more information about the BLT, please contact Principal Taylor at 206-252-1405.

PTA

Greenwood Elementary is supported by a very involved PTA. Through fundraising events, the PTA sponsors various enrichment programs such as music, dance and drama instruction as well as social activities including assemblies, after-school classes, buses for field trips for every classroom, and teacher “mini-grants”. Some of the events to look forward to are the Move-a-Thon and the Auction.

General meetings are held 2-3 times a year at 7:00 pm in the library or cafeteria, unless otherwise noted. You do not need to be a member to attend meetings.

Joining and volunteering with the PTA is a great way to make a difference in your child’s education and meet other school families.

Feel free to contact any of the PTA officers with questions, ideas, or to volunteer.

PTA Board of Directors 2023-24

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School Communication

The most frequent communications from school are sent via email every other week on Monday morning. Periodically, timely communications will be sent via phone and text message, called Talking Points. Occasionally, notices will be

sent home in your student's backpack, commonly called "kid mail." **It is a good idea to check your student's backpack frequently for information from the teachers, main office, or PTA.**

PTA Communication

The PTA publishes a weekly newsletter called the Star Scoop every Thursday morning. The Star Scoop is sent via email.

School Song: The Greenwood Stars

(Sung to the tune of "It's a Grand Old Flag")

WE'RE THE GREENWOOD STARS
AND WE ALWAYS AIM HIGH
IN OUR HOMES AND AT SCHOOL AND AT PLAY!

WE ARE HELPFUL, TOO.
TO OUR FRIENDS WE'RE TRUE.
WE PROVE IT TO THEM EVERY DAY!

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW,
WE'LL BE HAPPY TO SHOW
THAT WE MEAN EVERY WORD WE SAY;

WE ARE AWARE,
WE SHOW WE CARE
SO IT'S GREENWOOD,
HIP HIP HOORAY!

Miscellaneous

If You Have a Concern

If you have questions or concerns about your student's school experience, the best place to begin is by contacting the teacher. If you are uncomfortable talking to the teacher about your concerns, then please get in touch with Principal Taylor. You may leave a telephone or e-mail message, drop a note by the office, or make an appointment to come in and talk. Contact information for all staff members can be found in this Handbook.

Animals

We ask that animals are kept off of school grounds. Not all children feel safe with unfamiliar animals. Students and parents are to make arrangements with their teachers before bringing any animals to school.

Birthday Celebrations

Check with your child's teacher in advance! Each classroom decides how they will celebrate birthdays.

Early Departure

Email teachers and office staff if your child plans to miss a portion of the school day at greenwood.attendance@seattleschools.org If you need to pick up your student early for any reason (illness, appointment, family commitment), you must sign them out in the main office and sign them back in if they return before 2:05pm.

Emergencies

The school has a monthly emergency drill so all students and staff will be safe and comfortable with the procedures in the case of a real emergency.

Personal Belongings / Lost and Found

Unless invited by a teacher, students are not to bring personal toys, sports equipment, stuffies and umbrellas to school. Electronic devices and game cards are not allowed at school or on buses. The school cannot be responsible for the loss of valuable items brought from home. Please make a habit of labeling everything and checking the Lost and Found for your child's items whenever you visit the school. Look for the Lost and Found in front of the cafeteria. A significant quantity of children's clothing, lunch containers, and other belongings are deposited in the Lost and Found each year. All unclaimed items are donated to a local service agency several times a year.

Snow

If severe winter weather threatens to delay, cancel, or close school early, announcements will be made on all major radio and TV stations and on the website <http://www.schoolreport.org>. Please do not call the school for this information. The secretaries can't get to school either!

Family Contact Information

It is important for the school to be able to reach every student's parents or guardians during the school day and in the evening. If your address, workplace, or telephone numbers (home, work, cell) changes, **please let the office know immediately!** Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

State Attendance Law

Washington State Compulsory School Attendance Law requires parents of children at least eight years old to enroll them in school on a full-time basis or to have an approved home instruction program. In addition, any six or seven-year-old child enrolled in public school is required to attend school. Unless the child under eight years is formally withdrawn, the parent is responsible for the child's attendance.

The school is required to inform the parent of each unexcused absence. After three unexcused absences in a month, the school must request a conference with the parent/family. The school must also take reasonable steps to eliminate or reduce the absences. After seven unexcused absences in a month or 15 unexcused absences in a school year, the school must file a truancy petition.

Homework Policy

Kindergarten to 3rd Grade Students

In lieu of formal homework, teachers ask that Kindergarten to 3rd grade students:

- Read 10-30 minutes/night
- Spend time with their families
- Engage in learning in self-directed ways
- Unfinished work or extra practice work may be sent home

4th and 5th Grade Students

In 4th and 5th grade, teachers ask students to:

- Read for 10-30 minutes/night, sometimes with written reflection

- Complete math skill work for up to 20 minutes/night
- Unfinished work or extra practice work may be sent home

Teachers follow a formula of 10 min multiplied by the grade level for daily homework (ex. In 5th grade – 10 min x 5 = 50 minutes/day of homework)

Communicate any difficulties with homework to the teacher to address in class.