

Lower School Homework Expectations

Grade Level	Average Daily Homework	Parent Involvement with Homework
First	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes reading • filling out a reading sheet • several math home links during the week • a spelling list on Mondays • occasional “book buddies” and “author brief case” projects • approximately 15-30 minutes total each night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read to and with your children. • Ask to see the homework, and offer suggestions if you see homework being done incorrectly. • Help the child learn to establish homework routines—including returning homework when it is due.
Second	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a math assignment • language arts assignment most nights • 5 minutes of math facts practice • 20 minutes recreational reading • an occasional science or social studies assignment • approximately 45 minutes total 	
Third	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a math assignment • 5 minutes on math facts • a language arts assignment • 20 minutes recreational reading • scholastic news once a week • approximately 60 minutes total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to find time to read with your children—sometimes reading alongside your child when s/he is reading independently or reading a family book together. • Establish an effective homework location with supplies such as paper, pencils, dictionary, good lighting, a desk or table, etc.
Fourth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one math assignment and one language arts assignment • 5 minutes on math facts • 20 minutes of recreational reading • 20 minutes of band • poem memorization every two weeks happens during part of the year • approximately 80 minutes total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ideally, establish a regular time for homework; important study habits are being formed. • Ask your child to share his/her homework with you; you may offer suggestions. • Be careful not to do the work for the child; an effective technique is to ask the child questions that get him/her to think through the homework problem or to demonstrate the principle with a similar problem.

Fifth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one math assignment • one language arts assignment • one science or social studies assignment most nights • reading for the Patchwork Book Club • 20 minutes of band practice • approximately 100 minutes total 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The child will often be doing nightly reading on his/her own, but the parent may model reading in the same area. It's okay to still enjoy a book together. • Children should be demonstrating more independence. Written work should show the child's efforts, not the parent's efforts. • Parents may look over math study links, but they should not look over math boxes (workbook pages) until after the class has gone over them. • Students are encouraged to call the teacher if they have questions, and to leave a message on the teacher's answering machine if the teacher is not at home or school so that the teacher is aware the child struggled with a problem or subject. • Parents may ask to see a child's assignment sheet and ask to see that the assigned work is completed.
Sixth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one language arts and math assignment • science or social studies assignment • 30 minutes of recreational reading • 20 minutes of band practice • approximately 110 minutes total (increasing to 120-150 minutes by the end of the year) 	