

James Leitch Elementary Homework Policy

Homework is an integral part of our instructional program. Homework assignments are provided to extend and reinforce the learning that takes place in the classroom, improve study skills, and help students develop independent work habits. Each teacher shares a written homework plan with parents at Back To School Night in September each year.

1. Homework is any of the following:
 - a) An extension of daily assignments not completed in class
 - b) Studying for upcoming quizzes/tests
 - c) Specific assignments given
 - d) Long-term projects such as reports, projects, and research papers
 - e) Practice with activities and materials already covered in class
 - f) Reading assignments.
2. Homework is used to determine part of the student's grade.
3. Homework is assigned under direct instruction. Written work is reviewed, corrected, and returned to students.
4. Homework will never be used as discipline.
5. Homework is provided for practice Monday through Thursday. Teachers may choose to send homework packets home on Thursday or Friday of the prior week to allow students the opportunity to begin completing the packet over the weekend.
6. Homework may be modified for students with special needs.
7. Students with excused absences are allotted the same number of days of the absence to complete work,
8. Homework Assignment Time Guidelines:

Kindergarten:	50-75 minutes per week
First Grade:	50-100 minutes per week
Second Grade:	110-150 minutes per week

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