



Sunol Glen Unified School District

General Homework Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions

2023-24 School Year
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Transitional Kindergarten

Days given: Friday through Friday

- Read 20 minutes
- Optional:
 - 4 math lessons per week
 - Handwriting/Fundations lessons

TK FAQ'S

1. What homework is mandatory for TK students? What is optional?
 - Students need to be reading or being read to at least 20 minutes a night. This is their only mandatory homework.
 - Optional homework is the packet of handwriting/Fundations and 4 math lessons.
2. Is sharing included as part of homework?
 - Yes! Sharing is an important part of students' homework. We typically have a monthly project where children will have the opportunity to share their project in front of their classmates.

Kindergarten

Days given: Friday through Friday

- Read 20 minutes
- 4 math lessons per week
- Handwriting/Fundations lessons

K-1 FAQ'S

1. When is homework due & what should be turned in?
 - It is due on Friday mornings.
 - Each week your child should send homework in their daily folder with all of their completed work stapled to the homework cover page.
2. When does homework go home?
 - It goes home every Friday in the student's daily folder.
3. What is on a homework cover sheet?
 - The homework cover sheet explains the weekly homework and the skills to review with your child.

4. How long should homework typically take for my child?
 - 30-40 minutes *per night, including* 20 minutes of reading each night.

5. Should I correct every page in my child's homework?
 - You should make sure your child understands the concept and completes their homework. However, you do not need to correct each problem.

6. What if my child and I have a question about the homework?
 - Please have your child tell the teacher if they have a problem with their homework. Make sure your child starts their homework **before** Tuesday night so if there is a question they can ask the teacher and still get their homework done and turned in on time.

7. What should a complete homework packet look like?
 - Make sure they use nice handwriting.
 - The homework cover sheet should be signed and each item on the page should be completed.
 - Math workbook - Do the pages assigned on your child's homework cover sheet and staple them to the cover sheet. *Please do not include the "Homework Helper" pages that go with the math lessons.*

Kindergarten (cont.)

8. Is sharing included as part of homework?

- Yes! Sharing is an important part of students' homework. We typically have a monthly project where children will have the opportunity to share their project in front of their classmates.

9. What happens if my child does not complete their assigned homework?

- If homework is not completed on time, please communicate with your child's teacher that it will be late before Friday. Your child can then turn it in when they are done.

First Grade

Days given: Friday through Friday

- Read 20 minutes
- 4 math lessons per week
- Handwriting/Fundations lessons

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First Grade (cont.)

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9. What happens if my child does not complete their assigned homework?

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Second & Third Grade

Assigned on Friday, due by the following Friday

- Read 20 minutes minimum each day
- 1 writing prompt per week to be completed in their homework notebook
- 1 math review lesson per night (Mon.-Thurs.)
- Periodic computer based homework (i.e. iReady reading or math, Keyboarding Without Tears, Zearn Math, Google Classroom assignments/projects)
- One monthly oral presentation

2-3 FAQ'S

1. When is homework due and what should be turned in?
 - Homework is assigned on Fridays and due the following Friday. They should turn in their math pages and writing notebook.
2. Where can I find the homework?
 - It is posted on the 2nd and 3rd grade website under the Homework tab. A hard copy is not sent home.
3. How long should homework take each night?
 - Not including reading, it should take about 30 minutes a night.
4. What if my child has a question about the homework?
 - Please have your child tell the teacher if they have a problem with their homework. For Math students should consult the "homework helper" pages for examples.
5. Should I correct every page of my child's homework?
 - You should make sure your child understands the concepts, but you do not need to correct each problem.

Fourth Grade

Expectations:

- Read nightly for 30+ minutes
- One math assignment per night
- Occasional assignments in other subject areas (writing, social studies, or science)

4th Grade FAQ'S

1. When is homework due?

- Typically, homework is due the day after it is assigned. Some assignments will be due in a few days or weeks. We will tell students when assignments are due.

2. How long should homework take my child?

- Homework should take about 40 minutes, **including the 30 minutes of reading**.
- Email us if your child is spending significantly more than 40 minutes per night on homework.

3. Should I correct my child's homework?

- We encourage you to check that your child has completed their homework, but you do not need to correct it.

4. What if my child has a question about the homework?

- Have your child call a friend who understands the concept and ask for help or clarification.
- Ask questions in class, or during recess or lunch time.

5. What happens if my child does not finish homework in time?

- Students should finish and turn in missing assignments as soon as possible.
- Email us or write a note if your child did not complete the assignment because they did not understand it, because they were sick, or because a family issue arose.
- If your child consistently does not turn in assignments, we will meet to make a plan to support them .

5th Grade

Days given: Monday - Thursday (nightly homework)

- Read 30-45 minutes per night
 - Nightly reading logs and summaries are not required, but we do track our reading with a log by recording a book's page total when we are finished reading it.
 - Please ensure that this quiet reading time is a regular habit. Time spent in the act of reading is possibly the MOST important work your child will do this year.
- One math lesson per night
- Occasionally an assignment in language arts, social studies or science
- Various take-home projects (time frame varies) including one major project each trimester

Unfinished classwork should be collected on Friday and completed over the weekend.

5th Grade FAQ's

1 When is homework due?

- Homework is given nightly and is due the following day. Some assignments, such as projects, will be due in a few days or weeks. Students should write down the assignments daily in their student planners.

2 How long should homework take my child?

- Time varies. Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 15-45 minutes per subject, plus 30-45 minutes of reading. If a subject is taking longer than 45 minutes, draw a line where the student stopped, sign, and let me know.
- Mastery of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.
- Your student's personal speed and focus will also impact this time.
- There will be nights when the homework load is heavier than others. It is important to support your child during these ebbs and flows.

5th Grade (cont.)

3 Should I correct my child's homework?

- It would be helpful to review your child's work. If your child is struggling with math concepts, please use the "Homework Helper" pages in the Success homework workbook, or visit our 5th grade website to find links to math videos to reteach the concept. We spot check math answers in class.

4 What if my child has a question about the homework?

- Call a friend who understands the concept and ask for help or clarification.
- Ask questions in class at appropriate times.
- Ask questions at break time or lunch.

5 What happens if my child does not finish homework in time?

- Students should complete the missing assignment and turn it in within one week.
- Depending on the consistency of homework not being turned in, we might need to work out a solution together.
- Absent work - students will have *an additional day* for every day absent to turn in missing work.

Sixth Grade

Subjects and Tech Resources :

- Reading and Language Arts : Google Classroom and IXL Software
- Social Studies : Discovery Education
- Math : HRW-GoMath
- Science : STEMscopes

Homework :

The transition back into the classroom will be a timely process. We generally do not assign packets, or specific “pages” of homework to turn in on a daily, or weekly basis.

Trimester one, students are expected to ***finish activities we begin during class.***

Typically, students will have enough time to begin activities in the classroom, but not enough time to completely finish the task with complexity, creativity and noted effort.

Longer assignments, or more complex challenges can include recommended time investments designed to help students increase the quality and complexity of their finished work.

6th Grade FAQ's :

How much time?

- Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 20 - 60 minutes.
Reading comprehension, writing proficiency and competence with basic math facts will affect homework time.

Where do I find Homework Details?

- Google Classroom
Homeroom 6
Daily Activities / Homework

Sixth Grade (cont.)

When is Homework Due?

- Due dates vary, but most homework tasks should be completed the day they are assigned.
- Some homework involves spending time on a bigger project.
(Typical assignment : Spend 15 to 30 minutes researching wildlife Brian may have encountered in the Canadian wilderness.)

Should I correct my child's homework?

- Generally speaking, No.
- Periodically request to SEE their work.
If your student is missing several assignments, implementing this step on a regular basis has been historically effective.
- Rushed, "fill in the blank" participation should be discouraged
- Written responses should involve multiple sentences

What If my child has questions about homework?

- Directions / Instructions / Activities
- Review Daily Post on Google Classroom Homeroom 6
- Ask a classmate
- Email Mr. Wheeler
- Follow up the next day - rectify accordingly

What happens if my child doesn't turn in homework?

- Personal Homework Challenges will be addressed individually.
- We want students to PRACTICE concepts and skills outside of the classroom. Missing work should be completed in a timely manner.
- Students will receive partial credit for late or missing work.

Seventh Grade

Subjects:

- Language Arts: Reading, Writing, some vocab and mechanics; iReady Reading
- History: World History; Discovery Ed
- Math: Common Core Math 7, Accelerated Math 7; GoMath
- Science: Next Generation Science Standards, Life Science; Stemsopes

Homework given:

- Monday through Friday nightly homework; weekend homework rare, but possible
 - Trimester 1: Students often have time in class to finish assignments, very little homework.
- Students write homework in their planners daily, and planners are checked in class to make sure students write down homework assignments.
- 30 minutes of nightly reading for reading log

7th Grade FAQ's :

How much time?

- Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 30 - 60 minutes. Reading comprehension, writing proficiency and competence with basic math facts will affect homework time.

Where do I find Homework Details?

- Student planner

When is Homework Due?

- Due dates vary, but most homework tasks should be completed the day they are assigned.
- Some homework involves spending time on a bigger project.

Should I correct my child's homework?

- Generally speaking, No.
- Periodically request to SEE their work.
- Rushed, "fill in the blank" participation should be discouraged
- Written responses should involve multiple sentences

Seventh Grade (cont.)

What If my child has questions about homework?

- Directions / Instructions / Activities
- Ask a classmate
- Email Mrs. Commentz
- Follow up the next day - rectify accordingly

What happens if my child doesn't turn in homework?

- Personal Homework Challenges will be addressed individually.
- We want students to PRACTICE concepts and skills outside of the classroom. Missing work should be completed in a timely manner.

Eighth Grade

Subjects Taught:

- Language Arts: literature, writing and mechanics, spelling
- History: History & US Government
- Math: Common Core Math 8 or Algebra
- Science: Next Generation Science Standards 8

Homework Given: *Monday - Friday, weekend homework occasionally; nightly, short term, & long term assignment types*

Completion Time: Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 45-90 minutes. Stop at 2hrs of concentrated work time. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.

Homework FAQ'S Middle School (6th – 8th)

1. When is homework due and what should be turned in?

- A. Some homework is due the next day, other assignments are given a few days in advance; possibly even a week. Students should write their assignments in their planners when given.
- B. [Homework Link](#) This is the homework website for 6th, 7th, & 8th grade students, however, it should be used as a 'backup' to a student's personal planner.
- C. Most middle school homework is not collected. Homework is checked for 'completeness' and students are to hold their assignments in a binder for the entire trimester. Students are expected to change answers, add information, and edit as the class reviews and discusses. Students are expected to ask for help when they need clarification.

2. When does homework go home?

- A. Homework assignments are given on a nightly basis.

Eighth Grade (cont.)

3. How long should homework typically take for my child?
 - A. Time Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 15-45 minutes per subject.
 - B. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.
 - C. Your student's personal speed and focus will also impact this time.
 - D. While we strive to maintain a consistent homework load, there will be nights that are heavier than others. It is important to support your child during these ebbs and flows.

4. Should I correct every page in my child's homework?
 - A. It is the student's job to make changes/corrections to their homework when the teacher reviews the assignment in class.
 - B. As a parent, we suggest you look for complete answers that relate and follow the directions of the assignment. Also, look for your child's 'corrections' and 'additions' to yesterday's assignments.
 - C. Some assignments are graded based on correct answers. Parents are free to help and support their child's homework for correctness.

5. What if my child and I have questions about the homework?
 - A. Check the homework website to clarify the assignments
 - B. Call a friend who is strong in the subject matter and ask for help or clarification
 - C. Ask in class - the teacher will solve or answer questions you need help with. If a problem shows an attempt - we don't mind it not having an answer. But try it! Then ask for help in class, write down/fix as the teacher explains it to you.

6. What happens if my child does not complete their homework on time?
 - A. All missing and absent work are marked with an 'A' or 'M' in the teacher grade book. This equates to a zero. (A= absent, no points lost when it gets turned in, M= missing, points will be lost when it gets turned in. BUT, some points are better than no points.) On the Aeries Parent/Student Portal, assignments will be left blank indicating zero points due to absent or missing work.

Eighth Grade (cont.)

- B. Missing work may be turned in for late credit (max C value) and absent work may be turned in for full credit.
- C. Missing work must be received by the Tuesday following the assignments original due day (ex: math is due Wednesday of Week 2, it will be accepted for late credit until Tuesday of week 3).
- D. Absent work should be completed as soon as possible. Typically, if you are absent four days you have four days to turn in the assignment. Speak to your teacher to make arrangements.