4th Grade Homework Policy

**Why do I assign homework?** In my opinion, homework is a valuable part of each student’s learning experience. Through homework, responsibility is learned, skills are reinforced, and the importance of school is stressed.

**What does a typical day’s homework look like?** A typical day’s homework will include a short reader response, language work, math H&R page, and an agenda signature.Agendas are an opportunity for students to develop important organizational skills, allow students to become responsible for their assignments, and are excellent means of communication between home and school. I will initial the agenda’s at school and parents will be required to initial them at home. Homework will not receive a letter grade, but I will check for completion of all homework assignments.

**When will homework be assigned?** Homework will be assigned daily and will be required to be written in their agenda. Homework should be returned the next morning. Students are responsible for writing homework down during morning work.

**What are your child’s homework responsibilities?** I expect each child to do their best job on each homework assignment. I expect homework to be neat and done in pencil (unless stated otherwise). I expect homework to be completed by the following morning.

**What will happen if assignments are not completed?** If students choose not to do their homework, they will lose certain privileges. For each missed assignment, students will lose 10 minutes off Fun Friday. They will responsible for completing the missed assignment at lunch. After multiple assignments have not been turned in, or are turned in incomplete, the parent will be contacted and a homework contract may be set up.

**What about a legitimate excuse for not completing a homework assignment?** If there is a legitimate reason why your child is unable to complete the assignment, simply write a note for me explaining the reason why. Fourth graders are to have about 50 minutes of homework a night. If your child gives their best effort and does not finish within 50 minutes, stop your child and write me a note stating that your child didn’t finish in time.

**What are a parent’s homework responsibilities?** Parents are the key to making homework a positive experience for their children. Therefore, I ask that parents make homework a top priority at home, provide necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment, set aside time every day when homework is to be done, provide praise and support, not allow children to avoid doing their homework, and contact me if a problem arises. Fourth graders need parental reminders and assistance to see that homework assignments are completed and turned in on time. Working with your child at home will relay the message that we are all working together toward the same goal, their success. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

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After reviewing this with your child, please sign and return this portion of the homework policy. Thanks!

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date