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| **Homework Policy** |

The staff of Spencer County Elementary School, believing that homework is important to help students master and build upon classroom experience and to reinforce skills practiced in the classroom, establishes the following guidelines:

* Homework will reinforce instruction accomplished in class; it will not introduce new concepts or skills.
* Homework will be assigned and acknowledged regularly.
* Homework will be developmentally appropriate. (assignments tailored to the students’ needs, interests and readiness)
* Homework time and/or assignments will be adjusted for students that consistently reach a frustration level after teacher consultation.
* Homework time should generally be as follows:

Primary . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 30 minutes or less daily

Fourth and Fifth Grade . . . . . . . . . . . 40 minutes or less daily

(This includes nightly reading activities.)

Parents should:

* Stress that homework is important and must be done on time.
* Allow their child to complete homework with minimal assistance.
* Provide a place, materials, and time needed to study.
* Praise good study habits and encourage improvement in areas that need work.
* Communicate with classroom teacher(s) regarding work in class and homework assignments.

Teachers should, when possible, provide a weekly plan sheet on Monday for the week’s homework assignments.