

Homework and Daily Reading Guidelines

Homework at RC8 will reflect the key principles and understandings of Expeditionary Learning.

Homework is recognized and encouraged as an extremely valuable activity and as an extension of your child's learning day. Homework provides excellent opportunities for developing good study habits, providing for individual differences and abilities, and encouraging self-initiative on the part of students.

Homework at RC8 is...	Homework at RC8 isn't...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meaningful activities that can be completed at home with little supervision or direction- unless it's a family activity • Connected and relevant to classroom learning or experiences • A tool to measure students taking responsibility for their own learning • Independent practice worthy of feedback from teachers, paraprofessionals, and classmates • Occasionally a family project, such as a game, art project, writing assignment, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Busy work • For parents, brothers, or sisters to complete • Always the same • A stack of multiple worksheets • Always the same amount of time per night • Meaningless • Disregarded upon return to school

Parent involvement in homework is very important for your child's learning. You can help with homework by:

- Designating a specific study area where homework will be completed
- Having school supplies available at home
- Establishing a family "quiet time" each day when everyone reads or does homework.
- Allowing your child to study the way he/she learns best (this could be lying down on the floor, listening to music, etc.)

Recommended minimum daily time guidelines for homework are:

Kindergarten	15 minutes
Grades 1, 2, 3	20-30 minutes
Grades 4, 5, 6	30-60 minutes
Grades 7, 8	60-90 minutes