

## Lions' Den Learning Community Homework Requirements and Schedule



### Monday Homework:

**Weekly Update Note:** This weekly update shares information about our learning community. In a few weeks this update will be sent via email to save paper.

**Word Study:** This is a combination of spelling, phonics, word parts, and vocabulary. Words that are featured are usually high frequency words used most often in writing. This assignment will be due on Wednesday.

### Tuesday Homework:

**Language Arts:** This assignment will vary. Students may be asked to reread a story read during Reader's Workshop to build fluency and comprehension. To practice language skills, students might be required to identify sentence parts, locate parts of speech, and write sentences. These assignments will be due on **Wednesday.**

### Wednesday Homework:

**Math:** Worksheets or games reviewing skills usually taught the previous week would be assigned. Skill practice will sometimes be in the form of math games to be played with family members. Math assignments are due on Friday.

### Thursday Homework:

**Reading Minutes:** Your child is responsible for totaling her/his reading minutes for the week and recording them on the assignment calendar. Please have your child complete reading log on back of calendar. 45 minutes of reading outside of school are required each week during the first quarter. Beginning with the second quarter, 60 minutes will be required.

**Parent Signature:** Your child must ask you to sign the calendar each week. This verifies your awareness of the homework for that particular week. This weekly calendar is kept in front of the Homework divider in the binder. All homework assignments are placed behind the homework index or divider.

### Other:

- One or two Writing assignments may be given each month. These are usually assigned on Monday and due on Friday. When writing is assigned, there will be no Word Study or Language Arts homework for the week.
- There will also be times throughout the year when students are assigned projects due 2-3 weeks later.

### Helpful Tips:

- Read over the homework assignment calendar each day with your child.
- Review the assignment with your child to check for understanding.
- PLEASE check hwk. upon completion
- Please contact me if you have any questions.
- Read with your child and engage them with print through conversation. Always read the summary before beginning to read to support comprehension and understanding of text.

## Tips from Mrs. Whigham

### Homework: Should Parents Help?



The answer most definitely is YES! The next question is How and How Much? Homework should be practice of skills taught in the classroom. For example, if we are learning to read and write numbers through 999, math homework will reflect that. Will your child need assistance? Possibly. First, **make sure they understand directions.** Most errors are the result of not following directions. Second, **check their work.** Point out mistakes in a positive manner..."Good for you, most of these are correct. Try #3 and #5 again." Don't give them answers, but guide them through the learning to deepen understanding and provide extra examples. Also, your child should work in a **quiet, well-lighted study area**, no TV! Finally, have a **designated homework time.** Some students need down time when they come home from school. Others are too tired to work after dinner. As a parent, you have to decide the best time for your child. Celebrate responsible behavior with homework completion!!!

If you child has great difficulty with a particular assignment, please let me know via email. S/he may need to review a concept or simply need more time to complete the work. Teachers and parents are partners in the education of children. We work together to help them learn. **Thanks in advance for being a P.A.L.— Parent Aiding Learning!**

