

WEEKLY HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS

The bottom of this page is due FriYAY, September 15th, 2023

Good Day Hurricane Families-

A weekly homework assignment (such as this) will be sent home every Monday for your student's entire week of homework. However, homework will be reviewed and discussed every day for the day that it is due. Although research has been unable to prove that homework improves student performance, homework does help improve responsibility and in taking ownership for your own work-which we are huge advocates of. Weekly homework assignments are sent home to help students learn how to be responsible in a few ways:

1. No more "loose" homework pages to look for or lose. The only homework assigned is sent home on Monday, so it should be easier to stay organized.
2. No more need for panic nights where your family is extremely busy, and you realize that you didn't even think about homework until bedtime. With this system, students may complete their work when it is convenient for them. For example, if they know that they have sports practice on Tuesday nights, then the assignment due on Wednesday may be completed on Monday so that there is no need to try to cram it in on Tuesday.
3. Students may look ahead in the weekly homework and see if they are going to need help on any of the problems prior to the night that they need to do it. This allows students to make a habit of taking ownership for their work, rather than relying on family members to assist them.

We never want homework to become a point of frustration for families. We want your evenings spent doing things that are proven to correlate with student success; eat dinner as a family, reading together, playing outside, and getting your student to bed early. Homework is meant to support responsibility in and out of the classroom—a life skill. If your child is ever working on homework for more than half an hour, you can sign your name and let us know that it was over thirty minutes of work. Your child will not lose points for those assignments. Students who have missing assignments are able to make up work, and we always have extra copies of assignments that students may purchase with their Cane Cash. Homework will always be posted weekly on Google Classrooms that students may access.

READING/WORDLY WISE:

In addition to the weekly homework packet, your child will receive reading homework. They will bring home their *Daily Reading Comprehension* workbook. A small reading excerpt is presented at the beginning of each week, followed by a few questions that coordinate to each day of the week. This will be due daily but if your child wants to get ahead for planning purposes, that is more than fine! Reading homework should take about 10 minutes per night.



We will also send home the list of Wordly Wise vocabulary words and definitions attached to the homework packet. This is a tool to help your child prepare for their biweekly Wordly Wise vocabulary test, which occurs every-other Thursday. Their first test will take place on Thursday, September 28th!

MATHEMATICS:

In mathematics, I am happy to meet with any family members who have questions about the math strategies that I am teaching this year, which is why 'MacKelvey Mathematics' is sent home at the start of each Module. I honestly love to talk math, so if you find that it is "different" than how you learned it, and you'd like to learn more about what we are doing, please let me know. I often show several different methods for solving problems because I want students to learn how to find the method that works best for their brain. In the real world, there are no "Math Police". No one will question how you solved a problem, as long as you were able to figure it out correctly.

TESTS/QUIZZES:

If there are quizzes or tests in other subjects, a study guide will be reviewed in class, and distributed to your child in advance of their assessment.

Please sign and send back the bottom of this paper so that we know you have received the homework information. We suggest cutting it off and saving the top for future reference.

Thank you for your support in your student's academic success.

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Yes! We have read and understand the fifth grade homework routine and understand the process:

Student's Name _____

Family Member Signature _____