

Homework



We are building responsibility in First Grade so homework will be very important to their growth as a responsible citizen. Homework will be sent home every night and is due back completed the next day. Students who complete their homework every night will receive a "Beaver Buck" for each book that they read out loud three times in one night! In first grade we have a weekly Beaver Store where the students can buy items with the Beaver Bucks they have earned throughout the week. This opportunity allows the students to practice counting money, learn about supply and demand, saving and spending, and rewards excellent work ethic.

Reading

Reading practice is so important to your child's reading success. They should read a minimum of 15 minutes per night. This can be to you, with you and sometimes by you. (Weekly Book Bags are great for this!) Before reading, try having your child make predictions about the story. While reading, you can discuss the characters, setting, problems and solution of the story. After reading, ask your child to retell the main idea and key details of the story (for nonfiction: retell the topic and the details).

Homework How-To: Please listen to your child read their book/booklets each night three times each. When your child has read the book out loud to you three times, please write your initials on the back of the book. (Initial Monday night, Tuesday night, and Wednesday night.) This will let me know that your child has completed their homework for a Beaver Buck. The same book/or booklets will be sent home Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday for homework. The students should have read their book nine times by Thursday. This repeated practice will build fluency and sight word knowledge through the joy of reading. Book bags will be sent home weekly for extra reading fun. Please enjoy these books with your child and send them back on Mondays.