



# **Sunol Glen Unified School District**

## **General Homework Guidelines & Frequently Asked Questions**

**2015-16 School Year**

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# Kindergarten

*Days given: Friday through Friday*

- Read 20 minutes and track reading on the reading log
- 1 math lesson per night

## K-1 FAQ'S

1. When is homework due & what should be turned in?

- It is due on Friday mornings.
- Each week your child should send homework in their daily folder with all of their completed work stapled to the homework cover page. First graders also bring in their reading response journal every Friday.

2. When does homework go home?

- It goes home every Friday in the student's daily folder. It is also posted on the K-1 website.

3. What is on a homework cover sheet?

- The homework cover sheet explains the weekly homework. On the back of the cover sheet there is a reading log for tracking daily reading.

4. How long should homework typically take for my child?

- 30-40 minutes *per night, including* 20 minutes of reading each night

5. Should I correct every page in my child's homework?

- You should make sure your child understands the concept and completes their homework. However, you do not need to correct each problem.

6. What if my child and I have a question about the homework?

- Please have your child tell the teacher if they have a problem with their homework. Make sure your child starts their homework **before** Tuesday night so if there is a question they can ask the teacher and still get their homework done and turned in on time.

7. What should a complete homework packet look like?

- Make sure they use nice handwriting.
- The homework cover sheet should be signed and each item on the page should be completed.

- The reading log should be filled out to account for 20 minutes of reading each day.
- Math workbook/Spelling workbook- Do the pages assigned on your child's homework cover sheet and staple them to the cover sheet.
- Reading Response Journals (first grade)- Pick two responses per week to write about.

8. Is sharing included as part of homework?

1. Yes! Sharing is an important part of students' homework. We have a monthly project where children will have the opportunity to share their project in front of their classmates.

9. What happens if my child does not complete their assigned homework?

- If homework is not completed on time they can turn it in when they are done.

# First Grade

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- Read 20 minutes a night and track reading on the reading log
- 1 math lesson per night
- 2 reading response journal entries per week
- Nightly spelling practice

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# 2nd Grade

*Assigned on Friday, due by the following Friday*

- Read 20 minutes per night
- 4 reading response journal entries per week
- 1 math lesson per night
- Periodic computer based homework- i.e. JiJi Math, Keyboarding Without Tears, Google Classroom assignments/projects
- One monthly oral presentation

# 3rd Grade

*Assigned on Friday, due by the following Friday*

- Read 20 minutes per night
- 4 reading response journal entries per week
- 1 math lesson per night
- Periodic Computer Based homework- i.e. JiJi Math, Keyboarding Without Tears, Google Classroom assignments/projects
- One monthly oral presentation

# 4th Grade

*Days given: Monday - Thursday (nightly homework)*

- Read 30 minutes per night
- Reading response or writing activity
- 1 math lesson per night or JiJi math
- Social Studies/Science workbook page or lesson review
- Take-Home Projects - Roughly a month to complete
- Incomplete classwork

## 4th Grade FAQ'S

1. When is homework due?

- Homework is given nightly and is due the following day. Some assignments will be due in a few days or weeks, and this will be disclosed at the time it is assigned. Students should write down the assignments in their planners when given. Homework is graded on completeness and effort in answering what was being asked.

2. How long should homework take my child?

- Homework will usually take between 1 to 1.5 hours. Part of that time includes reading, typically 30 minutes.
- If a subject such as math is taking more than 45 minutes, please send me an email or write a note in their plan book or on their homework page.
- Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.
- Your student's personal speed and focus will also impact this time.
- While we strive to maintain a consistent homework load, there will be nights that are heavier than others.
- If your child's homework includes unfinished classroom assignments, it may take them longer to complete.

3. Should I correct my child's homework?

- Please review your child's work at the end of their work session. Look for completion of work, neatness, and understanding. Ask for explanations of answers and ask your child to "teach" you what was learned in class.

4. What if my child has a question about the homework?

- Have your child call a friend who understands the concept and ask for help or clarification.
- Students and parents may watch math videos on the class website. Each days lesson is posted under Math Videos in the Homework section of our website.
- Your child should let me know first thing in the morning, or send me an email. They should also ask questions in class at appropriate times.

5. What happens if my child does not finish homework in time?

- Homework is expected to be turned in on time, which usually will be the following school day. Incomplete assignments must be finished at recess.
- If your child is not able to complete the assignment because s/he didn't understand it, was sick, or there was some type of family emergency, please write a note.
  - If your child was confused, then I will know to give him/her extra help as we go over the homework during class.
  - If the assignment was incomplete due to sickness or an emergency, I will excuse the assignment until the next day.
  - Absent work – students will have one additional day for everyday absent to turn in missed work.

# 5th Grade

*Days given: Monday - Thursday (nightly homework)*

- Read 30 minutes per night plus journal entry (corresponds with strategy or skill taught in class)
- 1 math lesson per night
- Social Studies/Science workbook page or lesson review
- Writing - varies
- Novel study packet - work may replace “reading” (not every day)
- Various take-home projects (time frame varies)
- Unfinished classwork

## 5th Grade FAQ'S

1. When is homework due?

- Homework is given nightly and is due the following day. Some assignments, such as projects, will be due in a few days or weeks. Students should write down the assignments in their planners when given. Homework is graded on completeness.

2. How long should homework take my child?

- Time Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 15-45 minutes per subject plus 30 minutes of reading. If a subject such as math is taking more than 45 minutes - draw a line where students stopped, sign, and let me know.
- Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.
- Your student's personal speed and focus will also impact this time.
- While we strive to maintain a consistent homework load, there will be nights that are heavier than others. It is important to support your child during these ebbs and flows.

3. Should I correct my child's homework?

- Please review your child's work at the end of their work session. Look for completion of work, neatness, and understanding. Ask for explanations of answers and ask your child to “teach” you what was learned in class.

4. What if my child has a question about the homework?

- Call a friend who understands the concept and ask for help or clarification
- Ask questions in class at appropriate times.
- Asks questions at break time or at lunch.

5. What happens if my child does not finish homework in time?

- Students will lose their recess and complete missing assignment during the missed recess.

- However, sometimes the unforeseen happens. Should this be the case, the **student** must come and explain the situation to me (teaching them to take responsibility of their work). You may also send an email about the circumstance. Depending on the consistency of homework not being turned in, we might/might not work out a solution.
- Absent work – students will have one additional day for everyday absent to turn in missed work. Come see me immediately to make proper arrangements for missed tests.

# 6th Grade

## **Subjects Taught:**

- o English: Literature, Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary, writing
- o History: Social Studies
- o Math: Eureka Math
- o Science: Earth Science

**Homework Given:** *Monday-Thursday, Some weekend homework expected*

**Completion Time:** Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 45-90 minutes. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.

## **6th Grade FAQ's**

Please see below

# 7th Grade

## **Subjects Taught:**

- o English: spelling, vocabulary, grammar, literature, EPGY, writing
- o History: World History
- o Math: Common Core Math 7, Eureka Math
- o Science: Life Science

**Homework Given:** *Monday-Friday, weekend homework expected; nightly, short term, & long term assignment types*

**Completion Time:** Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 45-90 minutes. Stop at 2hrs of concentrated work time. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.

## **7th Grade FAQ's**

Please see below

# 8th Grade

## Subjects Taught:

- o English: spelling, vocabulary, grammar, literature, EPGY, writing
- o History: US Government & History
- o Math: Common Core Math 8, Eureka Math
- o Science: Physical Science

**Homework Given:** Monday-Friday, weekend homework expected; nightly, short term, & long term assignment types

**Completion Time:** Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 45-90 minutes. Stop at 2hrs of concentrated work time. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.

## Homework FAQ Middle School (6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

### 1. When is homework due and what should be turned in?

- a. Some homework is due the next day, other assignments are given a few days in advance; possibly even a week. Students should write their assignments in their planners when given.
- b. <https://sites.google.com/a/sunol.k12.ca.us/sgusd/> is the homework website for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, & 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, however, it should be used as a 'backup' to a student's personal planner.
- c. Most middle school homework is not collected. Homework is checked for 'completeness' and students are to hold their assignments in a binder for the entire trimester. Students are expected to change answers, add information, and edit as the teacher corrects. Students are expected to ask for help when they need clarification.

### 2. When does homework go home?

- a. Homework assignments are given on a nightly basis.

### 3. How long should homework typically take for my child?

- a. Time Varies – Concentrated, quiet work will typically take 15-45 minutes per subject.
- b. Reading / writing proficiency and the understanding of basic math facts will significantly affect homework time.
- c. Your student's personal speed and focus will also impact this time.
- d. While we strive to maintain a consistent homework load, there will be nights that are heavier than others. It is important to support your child during these ebbs and flows.

### 4. Should I correct every page in my child's homework?

- a. It is the student's job to make changes/corrections to their homework when the teacher reviews the assignment in class.
- b. As a parent, we suggest you look for complete answers that relate and follow the directions of the assignment. Also, look for your child's 'corrections' and 'additions' to yesterday's assignments.
- b. Some assignments are graded based on correct answers—the students will know which assignment these are so that they can be encouraged to spend more time/effort ensuring correct answers. Parents are free to help and support their child's homework for correctness.

**5. What if my child and I have questions about the homework?**

- a. Check the homework website to clarify the assignments
- b. Call a friend who is strong in the subject matter and ask for help or clarification
- c. Ask in class---the teacher will solve or answer questions you need help with. If a problem shows attempt—we don't mind it not having an answer. But try it! Then ask for help in class, write down/fix as the teacher explains it to you.

**6. What happens if my child does not complete their homework on time?**

- a. All missing and absent work are marked with an 'A' or 'M' in the teacher grade book. This equates to a zero. (A= absent, no points lost when it gets turned in, M= missing, points will be lost when it gets turned in. BUT, some points are better than no points.) On the Aeries Parent/Student Portal, assignments will be left blank indicating zero points due to absent or missing work.
- b. Missing work may be turned in for late credit (max C- value) and absent work may be turned in for full credit.
- c. Missing work must be received by the Tuesday following the assignments original due day (ex: math is due Wednesday of Week 2, it will be accepted for late credit until Tuesday of week 3).
- d. Absent work ---should be completed as soon as possible. Typically, if you are absent four days you have four days to turn in the assignment. Speak to your teacher to make arrangements.