

## Ma'ema'e Elementary School Homework Policy

### Why we assign homework:

We believe homework is important in helping students make the most of their experiences in school. We give homework because it is useful in reinforcing what has been learned in class, prepares students for upcoming lessons, teaches responsibility, and helps students develop positive study habits. *In order to meet proficiency levels at the current grade level, students must keep up with homework assignments which provide them with the necessary practice to achieve success.*

### When homework will be assigned:

Homework will be assigned Monday through Friday nights. The amount of time spent on homework will vary depending on the student as well as his/her grade level. The following is an approximate guideline for each grade level if your child works diligently the whole time.

Kindergarten	10 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time
Grade 1	10 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time
Grade 2	20 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time
Grade 3	30 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time
Grade 4	40 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time
Grade 5	50 minutes of homework plus 20 minutes of reading time

### Student's homework responsibilities:

We expect students to:

- give their best effort on their homework.
- turn in work that is neat, complete and of their best quality.
- do the work on their own and only ask for help after they have given it their best effort.
- turn in all assignments on time.
- understand the lesson and directions BEFORE class dismissal. If students don't understand something, they must ask questions in class or see the teacher at recess.

### Parent's homework responsibilities:

Parents are the key to making homework a positive experience for their children. Therefore, we ask that parents make homework a top priority, by providing necessary supplies and a quiet homework environment, setting a daily homework time, providing praise and support, not letting children avoid homework, and contacting your child's teacher if you notice a problem.

### If students do not complete homework:

If students choose not to do their homework nor complete it on time, we will ask that parents begin checking their student planners and signing completed homework. If students still choose not to complete their homework they may lose certain privileges and may be required to complete homework in the room during recess or after school. Other possible consequences for not completing homework may be loss of recess, missing an extra curricular activity, the teacher calling parents, or a parent teacher conference.

If the homework could not be done for a special circumstance, please write a note to the teacher with an explanation of the circumstances.